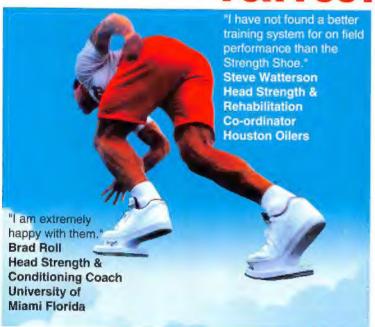


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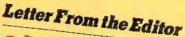
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The National Football League opened its coffers to free agents in 1993, so it was only fitting that a guy named Booty (John) was one of the first in line. An unrestricted free-agent defensive back, he quickly grabbed \$3.3 million from the Phoenix Cardinals. Reggie White, Booty's former roommate and teammate on the Philadelphia Eagles. was the biggest winner in the free-agent jackpot. After listening to offers from a number of teams, White signed with the Green Bay Packers for \$17 million, \$9 million of which he will receive this season, assuring him the "peace of mind" he was seeking.

There were other free-agent success stories. The Indianapolis Colts strengthened their offensive line by adding Will Wolford and Kirk Lowdermilk for a combined \$13.65 million. Wide receiver Gary Clark jumped from the Washington Redskins to the Cardinals for \$6 million. Linebacker Kevin Greene moved from the Los Angeles Rams to the Pittsburgh Steelers for \$5.3 million. Cody Carlson benefited from the new system even before it became official. The backup quarterback re-signed for \$8.85 million with the Houston Oilers, who were unwilling to risk losing him to another team. But timing was everything, even for reserve players such as guard Brian Habib (\$4.2 million), linebackers Carlton Bailey (\$5.25 million) and Hardy Nickerson (\$5.1 million), and cornerback Melvin Jenkins (\$1.3 million), all of whom reaped the rewards of a system that is bound to change when a salary cap takes

The best-selling success story on the field last season was written by the Dallas Cowboys. Drafting wisely, they rebounded from a 1-15 finish in 1989 and rode three straight No. 1 picks all the way to the league championship. The NFC has won the last nine Super Bowls, with the Cowboys, the third NFC East team in as many years, handing the Buffalo Bills a third straight loss in January.

The Kansas City Chiefs, looking to halt the NFC domination, traded for Joe Montana, perhaps the NFL's greatest quarterback. They are hoping for immediate gratification from Montana, 37, the three-time Super Bowl MVP who has played little due to injuries in the past two years. The Los Angeles Raiders used free agency to acquire a new quarterback, Jeff Hostetler, who led the New York Giants to their second Super Bowl victory in 1991. John Elway, like Buffalo's Jim Kelly, has been on the losing end of three Super Bowls, yet the Denver Broncos, having installed a Montana-style offense under new coach Wade Phillips, remain challengers to the Bills for the AFC title. Ditto for the Miami Dolphins and Dan Marino, a member with Kelly and Elway of the quarterback class of '83 (a combined 0-8 in the Super Bowl).

The careers of NFL quarterbacks are lasting longer than they once did, partly because there are so few exceptional young replacements. With the defection of Hostetler, Phil Simms, 38 in November, was reinstalled as the Giants' starter by new coach Dan Reeves. The New York Jets traded Ken O'Brien to Green Bay, obtained 32-year-old Boomer Esiason from Cincinnati, and benched Browning Nagle, Jim McMahon, 33, was signed by the Minnesota Vikings, his fourth team in the last six years, and immediately named the starter. The lucrative contracts available through free agency are incentive enough for the

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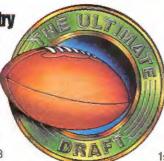
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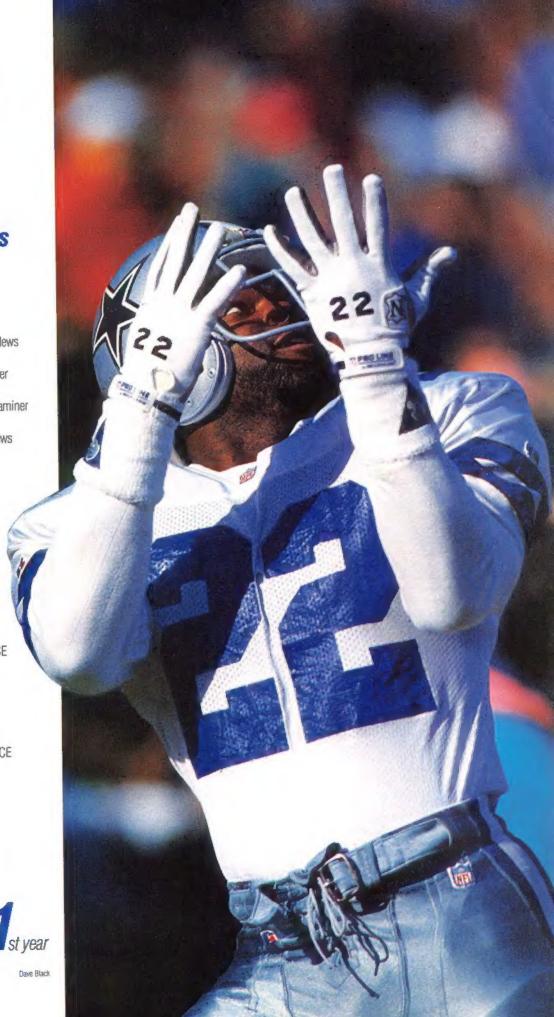
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# The State of the Game

NFL players got their first taste of free agency, which made millionaires of untested backups.

#### by DON PIERSON

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The numbers are numbing. Freedom came to the National Football League in 1993 and the cost was far from free. For the first time in America's most popular sport, the players got a taste of the free agency enjoyed for years by franchises, owners, general managers, and coaches. Because a salary cap does not take effect until 1994, the inflated contracts of 1993 may well be a one-time bonanza. Nevertheless, the free agents of 1993 ran the greatest Statue of Liberty play in football history.

In a league that lost Joe Gibbs and Mike Ditka as coaches and regained Bill Parcells. the Reggie White Freeway Tour was the biggest story of the offseason, finally and surprisingly ending in the smallest city, Green Bay,

The Dallas Cowboys reinvented themselves in their own 1970s image. If they didn't become America's Team again with a resounding Super Bowl victory, they were at least Arkansas's Team, with Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson sharing Bill Clinton's unlikely ascension to power and popularity. Unknown, unwanted, and unsuccessful only a few years ago, all three men were inspiring the notion of "dynasty" as 1993 dawned.

But no plans or promises for economic revival could match the pot of gold found at the start of the free agent rainbow by a few lucky men. The week before the new less restricted system officially descended upon the league last March, the Houston Oilers signed their backup quarterback, Cody Carlson, to a stunning three-year contract paying \$8.85 million. It was only the first domino in a game of freefor-all that knocked fiscally conservative NFL managers flat on their wallets. Before Carlson could get to the bank, his contract looked like a good deal for the Oilers, who were only protecting themselves by preventing a good prospect from testing the open market.

Quickly, it became a market that made untested backups millionaires and proven starters jealous. Wee to anybody who had signed a contract a year ago, preferring not to trust the amazing possibilities of freedom in a sport brand new to the concept. Carlson had started only 12 games in six years before hitting the jackpot. The Oilers simply didn't want to take the chance of allowing him to peddle his services elsewhere and then be left to scramble for another successor to Warren Moon.

After all, this was a market in which Jim Harbaugh was suddenly making more than twice as much money (\$3.25 million a year) as Troy Aikman (\$1.4 million). The surprising thing about the price escalation was not the dollars, but the sense. While it's one thing to justify spending millions for star talent such as White, it is altogether new territory to see reserve players leap-frogging near the top of salary lists.

Brian Habib became the first example of allout lunacy when the Denver Broncos signed the Minnesota Vikings' guard for \$4.2 million over three years. Habib had started 24 games over four years for the Vikings and didn't start. at all until 1991. The Vikings considered him their fifth-best offensive lineman.

Carlton Bailey was a backup linebacker with the Buffalo Bills who failed to get into the Super Bowl rout for even one play from scrimmage. Yet the New York Giants paid him \$5.25 million over three years, including a \$1.2 million signing bonus, to move downstate, a marvelous cost-of-living increase from the \$275,000 Bailey made last season.

What is going on?

"I told Carlton I am so proud of him," said Buffalo's new general manager, John Butler, with more envy than frustration in mind

"One of the total obsolete sentences is, "He's not worth it," said Giants general manager George Young. "I don't want to ever hear it again. We're into a new thing.

What matters is not what a player is worth, but what he costs. Family sedans aren't worth \$25,000 either. Another 3-4 inside linebacker who signed the same day as Bailey was Hardy Nickerson, who got \$5.1 million over three years to hop from Pittsburgh to Tampa Bay. Young said it was more than coincidence that Bailey and Nickerson commanded almost identical contracts.

Melvin Jenkins may be the most amazing story of all. A journeyman cornerback who couldn't start in Seattle, Jenkins was claimed on the Plan B list by Detroit two years ago. He started for the Lions and played well. But on the free agent market, the Atlanta Falcons made him an all-pro. His contract will pay him more in 1993 (\$1.3 million) than the combined contracts of the two Seattle cornerbacks, Dwayne Harper and Patrick Hunter, who beat him out two years ago. Although Jenkins has improved, word out of Seattle is he still

couldn't supplant either Harper or Hunter. Instead, he should send them thank-you notes.

Because there is no salary cap in 1993 under the new system, some teams obviously were trying to make hay while the cap was away. But what happens in 1994? Assuming teams spend 67 percent of league-wide designated revenue on player costs, the cap is mevitable. Again, New York's Young had the answer: "We are going to pay the piper and the piper's name is Mr. Cap." How football teams juggle rosters and contracts to stay under the cap will be a spectator sport worth the price of admission all by itself. "This is not basketball we're talking about," said New Orleans president Jim Finks. "We're talking about rosters of 53, not 12.

To guard against cap violations, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue has the authority to fine teams up to \$2 million. The league will have full-time policemen watching for overly creative accounting practices. For example, could the 49ers hire Mrs. Reggie White as a community affairs consultant for \$500,000 a year? "If they want to pay a \$2 million fine, yeah," Tagliabue said.

The 49ers, restricted in their pursuit of free agents because they were a final-four team, tried to sign White as a replacement for Atlanta-bound star Pierce Holt. But they were unable to outbid the Packers, whose price of \$17 million over four years beat San Francisco's \$19.5 over five. Neither deal was guaranteed, but Green Bay front-loaded the contract to the tune of \$9 million the first season, allowing White the "peace of mind" he sought.

Green Bay's victory continued to disprove one of management's favorite myths about the dangers of free agency. For years, owners wrung their hands over the fate of the small towns getting squeezed out of big-time sports for lack of money or appeal to today's celebrity-athletes. But the Packers, the only publiclyheld team with no owners to satisfy monetarily, led the league in Plan B signings when that system was in effect and again took an aggressive stance in the free-agent market.

Landing the biggest name of all stamped the Packers as major players in a new era.



Only two days before getting White, they had traded for quarterback Ken O'Brien of the New York Jets. Ironically, O'Brien's availability may have been courtesy of White. While traversing the country during a 37-day search for a new team, White told the Jets he would be more impressed with their possibilities for the '93 season if they would complete a trade for Cincinnati quarterback Boomer Esiason. No sooner said than done, Esiason's arrival in New York made O'Brien expendable.

White also had been wooed by the Cleveland Browns, Atlanta Falcons, New York Giants, Detroit Lions, and Washington Redskins. The Browns picked him up in a private jet and showered his wife with gifts. The Falcons brought out the governor.

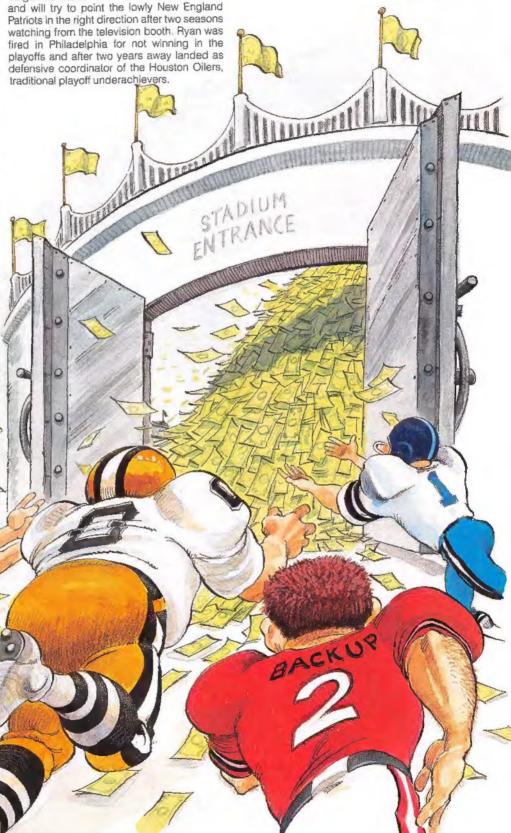
"We didn't do anything fancy. No clowns and no balloons," said Packers president Bob Harlan, "It was strictly, 'These are our facilities, this is our football team, and this is what we're trying to accomplish."

White's decision came down to the Packers. 49ers, and Redskins-one team per each NFC division. Unfortunately for the balance of power, White is an NFC guy.

Coaching Changes

The mission of the AFC in 1993 is to re-enter a league that has tipped so far toward the NFC side of the field that Super Bowls are more interesting for their half-time shows than for anything that happens before or after. Nine straight NFC victories by an average score of 39-16 is getting to be more than coincidence. Tagliabue addressed the concern by commenting that NBC, which televises AFC games, is excited about the return of Parcells and Buddy Ryan to coaching and the success general manager Bobby Beathard had last season in San Diego. Tagliabue labeled it "the brain drain." All three men come from the powerful NFC East Division, which has contributed the last three Super Bowl champions and sent a representative to seven of the last 10 games. Parcells won twice with the Giants and will try to point the lowly New England Patriots in the right direction after two seasons watching from the television booth. Ryan was fired in Philadelphia for not winning in the playoffs and after two years away landed as defensive coordinator of the Houston Oilers. traditional playoff underachievers.

The NFC East also lost Gibbs, widely acclaimed as the finest coach in the game. After three Super Bowl titles and a fourth trip in 12 seasons, Gibbs admitted he was having troucontinued



#### The State of the Game

ble recovering physically from the grind of the job and refuctantly hung it up in March. Gibbs gave credit to his successor, Richie Petitbon, who coached the defense for the Redskins and preceded Gibbs in Washington. "He made me look good," Gibbs said. Petitbon, of course, returned the compliment. Gibbs was the choice of his peers as the best coach of his time because he won despite constantly changing personnel. Most of the great coaches are accompanied during most of their careers by great quarterbacks. Gibbs won three Super Bowls with three different quarterbacks: Joe Theismann, Doug Williams, and Mark Rypien.

As stunning as the retirement of Gibbs was the firing of Mike Ditka by the Bears, Club president Michael McCaskey might as well have cemented the lakefront and criticized Michael Jordan while getting rid of one of sports most familiar faces, the one that resembles the Bears' logo. Ditka's demise was as swift and unbelievable as his rise. From a hothead assistant for Tom Landry in Dallas, Ditka was brought back in 1982 by George Halas to the city and team he loved but left in a 1966 money dispute. Halas was labeled senile for doing it. After taking the Bears to the top and joining only Don Shula, Paul Brown, John Madden, and Gibbs as coaches to win 100 games in 10 years, Ditka was dismissed by Halas's grandson, who was labeled crazy for doing it. But McCaskey rebounded quickly by hiring another Dallas assistant, Dave Wannstedt, who went to Pitt-as Ditka didand who openly idolized Ditka. Wannstedt had coached the No. 1 defense on the No. 1 team and joined the list of bright new coaching prospects that have entered the league in the last two seasons.

Two other coaches with new jobs are Dan Reeves, fired by Denver and hired by the Giants, and Reeves's successor, Wade Phillips. Reeves lost three Super Bowls with the Broncos, but that is no consolation for the AFC to lose him. At least he got to the Super Bowl.

The turnover in coaching left Dallas's Jimmy Johnson pondering his lofty place among peers. After only four years in the league, Johnson ranks behind only Shula, Buffalo's Marv Levy, New Orleans's Jim Mora, San Francisco's George Seifert, and Detroit's Wayne Fontes for service with one team.

The Cowboys were the youngest team in the league in 1992, so their success sounds an ominous note for the disciples of parity. But parity is another NFL myth. Only eight different franchises have won the last 22 Super Bowls, hardly an endorsement of the so-called balance owners feared they would lose under free agency.

The Cowboys lead the parade of new young stars and Aikman is at the forefront. He and Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw are the only quarterbacks drafted No. 1 in the league to take their clubs to Super Bowl victories, Jim Plunkett won for the Raiders after being dumped by his original leam, the Patriots.

Rising Stars

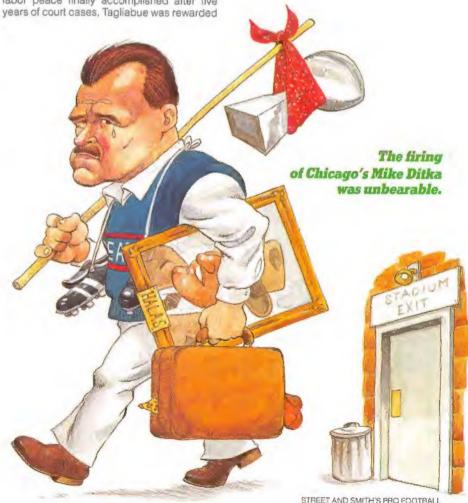
As Joe Montana, Lawrence Taylor, Mike Singletary, Ronnie Lott, Anthony Munoz, Eric Dickerson, and other stars of the '80s drift into retirement or retreat, they are eclipsed by new names for the '90s, Dallas's Emmitt Smith became the first back since Dickerson to win consecutive rushing titles. He did it at age 23. Seattle defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy donned the No. 99 jersey of his college buddy. Jerome Brown, killed in an auto accident, and rose to the too of his profession at age 24. San Diego's Junior Seau, like Smith and Kennedy a 1990 draft choice, became the league's prototype linebacker at age 24. Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre turned 23 last October and made the Pro Bowl. Buffalo safety Henry Jones, 25, led the league in interceptions with eight. New England running back Jon Vaughn, 23, led the league in kickoff returns. Phoenix running back Johnny Bailey, 25, led the league in punt returns. Miami kicker Pete Stovanovich, 25, led the league in scoring.

For the first time since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970, the league's six division winners were different from the year before. Three of the six—San Diego, Minnesota, and Pittsburgh—were guided by rookie coaches: Bobby Ross, Dennis Green, and Bill Cowher. This welcome diversity coincides with the arrival of free agency and the addition of two expansion citator peace finally accomplished after five years of court cases. Tallishus was rewarded

with an extended contract and total paid attendance in the league broke a record for the fourth straight season.

Two clouds of caution are on the horizon: steroid abuse and television. Although the league has cracked down on the use of steroids by imposing random tests, two players—Eric Moore of the New York Giants and Mark Duckens of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers—were arrested on charges of trafficking in steroids. With free agent money as a new carrot, there is a renewed danger that players will do anything to get a chance to cash in. Details of new, improved drug-testing policies are being ironed out in the collective bargaining process following the labor litigation settlement.

Owners began talks for a new television contract this summer. Teams will receive \$40 million apiece in this final year of the deal with five cable and over-the-air carriers. Next year, the networks warn there will be a cutback. It would be unprecedented, and Tagliabue predicts the average payout will be no smaller than the average (\$32 million) of the present contract. Since television money provides the bulk of the cash that goes to player salaries, it is incumbent upon the players to keep up the good show.



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Dallas and Sense

The Cowboys drafted wisely and rode three straight No. 1 picks all the way to the Super Bowl.

#### by TIM COWLISHAW

DALLAS MORNING NEWS

A few years ago, the Dallas Cowbovs landed at the bottom of the NFL scrap heap; 3-13 in 1988 and 1-15 in 1989. There were a number of reasons for the once great franchise's fall, but poor draft decisions were a major factor. From 1984 through 1987, Dallas's first-round picks were linebacker Billy Cannon, defensive tackle Kevin Brooks, wide receiver Mike Sherrard, and defensive tackle Danny Noonan. At last glance, only Sherrard was still on an NFL payroll, and he hasn't been a starter since 1986.

On January 31, the Cowboys completed their swift return to the top of the league with a 52-17 defeat of the Buffalo Bills. Three firstround draft picks, chosen in 1988, 1989, and 1990-Michael Irvin, Troy Aikman, and Emmitt Smith-had as much or more to do with the team's reversal of fortune and third Super Bowl title as anything

It began, as most tales of success do, with a stroke of luck. And in the spring of '88, few teams were more in need of luck than the Cowboys. America's Team had fallen on hard times. Back-to-back losing seasons after 20 consecutive winning years were unacceptable. With the Mavericks extending the Los Angeles Lakers to seven games in the NBA West finals that spring, the Cowboys weren't even sure they were still Dallas's Team.

#### Michael Irvin

Needing help everywhere, but with Sherrard. their No. 1 pick in 1986, having twice broken his leg in the previous year, Dallas had no bigplay wide receivers. In a draft that featured several topnotch receivers-Notre Dame's Tim Brown, South Carolina's Sterling Sharpe, and Tennessee's Anthony Miller-the Cowboys focused on Irvin, Miami's playmaker. In fact, they rated him No. 1 on their board, ahead of linebacker Aundray Bruce, who would be selected first by Atlanta, But the Cowboys didn't pick until the 11th spot, and the Raiders, in the sixth and ninth slots, were also interested in Irvin, Further complicating their plans were the Rams, who had the 14th pick and were trying desperately to move up to get Irvin. It was a nervous morning at Valley Ranch, but when the Raiders selected Brown at the sixth spot and the Giants declined to trade the 10th pick to the Rams, the Cowboys got their wish. They took Irvin, who made no attempt to hide his confidence. "I'll be playing

for the team with the star on its helmet. That describes what kind of player I am," he said. This accelerates our return to the living," proclaimed team president Tex Schramm. "Maybe the luck is changing.

There would be major changes, however, before Dallas would continue its recovery. Following a 3-13 season in 1988, the club was sold to Jerry Jones. Schramm, coach Tom Landry, and most of the rest of the front office were swept out. Those responsible for drafting Irvin never reaped the benefits. In fact, the dismal luck the team encountered in '88, losing six games by six points or less, gave the new Cowboys' regime the opportunity to make the first selection in the 1989 draft. Coach Jimmy Johnson recalls that he liked Florida State cornerback Delon Sanders, Alabama linebacker Derrick Thomas, and Oklahoma State running back Barry Sanders, and that he considered drafting them.

For about two minutes.

#### Troy Aikman

"We never really had any question about Troy Aikman being our first pick," Johnson said. ' had known Troy from the time he was in high school at Henrietta (OK). We tried to recruit him to Oklahoma State, and then I tried to get him to transfer to Miami after he had broken his leg at Oklahoma and made the decision to leave. But he went to UCLA.

Having lost the battle for Aikman's services twice, Johnson had this one cinched. "Just to reconfirm our thoughts, we went out to UCLA and worked him out. We didn't say who we were going to take with the No. 1 pick until we negotiated the contract, but there was never any doubt," Johnson said. "The reason we won at Miami was because of our quarterbacks and defensive linemen, and we felt that was a starting point for us in the NFL, too.

Aikman had to pay his dues as a rookie when the team staggered to a 1-15 finish. He



missed five games (including the club's only victory) with a broken left index finger, but there was no doubting his potential. Irvin however, suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in the sixth week and missed the rest of the season. Thus, two years after the 1988 draft, there were no sure signs that the Cowboys' first-round luck had changed with the selection of Irvin.

In 1990, the Cowboys still needed virtually everything except a quarterback. Johnson hoped to focus on defense in the draft, although his dec s on to take Steve Waish as a supplemental first-round pick the previous year had cost the Cowboys the first choice in the draft. But thanks to the Herschel Walker trade with Minnesota. Dallas owned the 21st pick in the first round.

#### Emmilt Smith

"The bulk of the draft the year before had been to help the offense," said Johnson. "We wanted to address defense early, but we made a couple of attempts to trade up for prayers that were unsuccessful." The Cowboys wanted linebackers James Francis and Lamar Lathon, but they were taken by Cincinnati and Houston, respectively, with the 12th and 15th picks Johnson kept looking at one name high on the Cowboys' draft board—he says it was in the top four—that had not been selected Finally the phone call to Pittsburgh was made and Dallas exchanged the 21st pick and a third-round selection for the 17th pick And Emmit Smith became a Cowboy

"Emmitt's tag was sticking out oπ our board like a sore thumb," said Johnson. "The questions people had were because he had aver-

age speed for a running back and average size for a running back. But we had seen him play at Florida, and when we look at players we look at productivity. That put him back near the top of the board."

The talents of Irvin, Aikman, and Smith just started to blend in 1990. Smith won Rookie of the Year honors and was the Cowboys' only representative in the Pro Bowl Aikman's confidence grew in his second season as helled the team to a 7-7 record and the doorstep of the playoffs before suffering a separated shoulder in the 15th game at Philadelphia And Irvin, after missing the first four games while continuing to rehabilitate his right knee finished with just 20 catches, his lowest total The fact that five went for touchdowns at least indicated that his big play skills were not completely gone.

In 1991 it all came together under the guidance of new offensive coordinator Norv Turner His system, imported from the Rams Erne Zampese, with its emphasis on short quarterback drops and timing routes, helped Aikman avoid the poundings he had taken his first two years. It allowed Smith to continue to confound opponents with his elusive running style. And it made a star of Irvin. In his fourth year in the NFL, Irvin caught 93 passes for 1,523 yards, sixth highest in league history. He capped that with an MVP performance in the Pro Bowl, where Alkman and Smith were his teammates. Suddenly, it was all coming into focus. In the first rounds of the 1988 1989, and 1990 drafts, the Cowboys had scored big by obtaining, arguably the game's best young receiver, quarterback, and running back.

Regardless of whether one chooses to put Detroit's Barry Sanders slightly ahead of Smith or Green Bay's Sterling Sharpe on a par with Irvin, the Cowboys are likely to be a major force in the 1990s because of this rare trio of stars. Barring the possibility that free agency will break up the threesome, the Cowboys en-







#### Dallas and Sense

1992 Super Bowl season Irvin's receiving yards and Smith's rushing yards totaled 3,109 There wasn't another combination in the league that reached 2,500. Irvin missed by 104 yards from becoming the first player ever to record consecutive 1,500-yard receiving seasons, but his two-year total of 2,919 put him about 500 yards ahead of the competition (2,422 for Sharpe, 2,417 for Jerry Rice)

Irvin described his early struggles and recovery from knee surgery followed by two briliant seasons as if they were one long game. 'They won the first half They went in at half time up 21-0, and we hadn't gotten a first down or anything I would say started bouncing back in the third quarter and won it in the fourth quarter. Now I m running it up, 'he said.

Nobody's running up yards quite like Smith His 1,713 yards in 1992 broke Tony Dorsett's team record of 1,646 and gave Smith his second straight rushing title. After just three seasons in the NFL, Smith has gained 4,213 yards more at this stage than Walter Payton. Ean Campbell O.J Simpson, Dorsett, and just about any other back you would care to name other than Eric Dickerson "One of the biggest mistakes I used to make was just watching him after I handed him the ball, instead of continuing the lake," said Aıkman, "He's amazıng,"

So, too, was Aikman during the stretch drive to the Super Bowl in 1992. Never known for piling up fantasy-league type stats since Smith scores so many of Dallas's short touchdowns, A kman threw 20 TD passes with just three interceptions in the last nine games. (noluding the postseason) He tied for the NFC lead with 302 completions and had the league's thirdhighest passer rating. His playoff statistics for three games were extraord nary, 61-for-89 (68 5 percent), 795 yards eight touchdowns, no interceptions

Troy had a great three weeks," said Turner, looking back on the prayoff run You've got to look at his play and let it speak for itself

The problem for opponents is that they have to look at all three prayers simultaneously Some double-cover trvin and pay particular attention to tight end Jay Novacek and Alvin Harper, the club's other talented wide receiver (and another No. 1 pick). But that leaves too much of a running lane for Smith up the middle, where he is the most dangerous. Some teams challenged Smith with eight-man fronts Denver limited him to 62 yards on 26 carries. Detroit held him to 67 yards on 19 carries But it came at a price Dallas stilscored more than 30 points in both games.

Emmitt Smith

Other Big Threes

Historically, what the Cowboys have a chance to do in the 1990s with three No 1 skill-postion players drafted a year apart 's unprecedented Of the teams of the 1960s, '70s, and '80s, the one that most closely resembled Dalias was the Pittsburgh Steelers. But their players arrived two years apart rather than in consecutive seasons. In 1970, they made Terry Bradshaw the first pick of the draft. They added Franco Harris with a first-round selection in

1972, then took Lynn Swann in the first round in 1974. They also got another great receiver John Stallworth, in the fourth round in 74

From 1960 through 1967, the Green Bay Packers played in six NFL championships, winning live, including the first two Super-Bowls. Their key draft selections were made in the previous decade, Bart Starr, a 17th-round pick in 1956, was so lightly regarded that he was originally given No 42 by the Packers Running back Paul Hornung was the first overall selection in 1957 and wide receiver Boyd Dowler, a major contributor for 11 seasons, was a third-round pick in 1959

In the 1980s, the San Francisco 49ers captured four Super Bowis, but the manner in which they acquired their top quarterback back and receiver was completely different Joe Montana was a third-round oick in 1979 Not until four years later did they draft running

back Roger Craig in the second round The only first-round pick used for a key skill-position player came in 1985 with the drafting of Jerry Rice, now the NFL's alltime leader in touchdown receptions. The only other NFL club in 1992 that had a runner, passer, and receiver in the top 10 was the Houston Oilers, But where Smith, Irvin, and Alkman ranked one two and three respectively, the

Ollers' Warren Moon ranked fourth in passing, Lorenzo White sixth in rushing, and Haywood Jeffires

third in receptions

Other playoff teams have their own 'Big Threes," most notably Buffalo with Jim Kelly, Thurman Thomas, and Andre Reed, who have been instrumental in three straight AFC titles. Philade phia has the potent alto strike quickly with Randali Cunningham Herschel Walker, and Fred Barnett, although Walker's role was being reduced late, ast season. But the trio that ranks the closest to the Cowboys not coincidentarly plays for the club that came the closest to denying the Cowboys their Super Bowl trip. San Francisco's Steve Young, Ricky Watters and Jerry Rice are all at different stages of their careers, but they figure to keep the 49ers competitive for the next few seasons.

Naturally the Cowboys won't have a chance to become the great team of this decade without substantial help from their youthful defense and strong offensive line, not to mention the receiving skills of Novacek and Harper But the Aikman-Sm thirvin comb nation has a chance to create its own place in history

as No. 1 picks who arrived in Dalias in subsequent years and made the star on the helmet meaningful once more. 🗆



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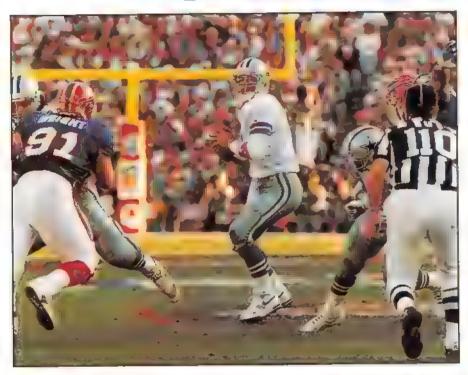
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Go back 12 months. Put yourself in mid-1992, when Redskins and Republicans still held all the important world titles Imagine if someone had told you then that this NEL season would open with Joe Montana in Kansas City, Dan Reeves in the Meadowlands, and Reggie White as Leader of the Pack Would you have believed it? Of course not

Then consider all the tumult that's occurred in pro football since last season culminated with Jimmy Johnson's no-muss Ga lorade shampon in the Super Bowl. More than 100 guys—the good, the bad and the suddenty wealthy—switched clubs as free agents. Mke Difka quietty disappeared. That's right quietty. Bill Parcels took over the Patriots (Are they still in the NRL?) So many players thed to escape the Eagles that the bus from Philadelphia began to resemble the Cuban Boat Lift. Who could have foreseen all hat? Who could have such improbable events?

Social migrodacte events.

Welf, us that's who. Our crystal ball told washad of time that the Lions would side, as a would girde and Ray Handley would be fined. Hey, any knucklehead can predict that Jim McMahon will get hurthis season (over/under six games) or that Buddy Ryan will prove to be Houston's big-

# Gino Warchetti Returns In a rare display of justice, pro football's Poch-Bahs award expansion teams to St. Lous and Baltimore St. Louis dubs its club the "Steamers," joins the AFC Central, and wins the division after co-owner Watter Payton comes out of retirement to lead the league in rushing. Baltimore goes with the "Colts" (Hey, if the Carradian Football League can live with the Roughriders and Rough Riders, why not the NEC. Last With Wash-ington, New York, and Philandelphia already on board, Amtrak stock goes through the roof

# Saints Come Stumbling In

Mortally embarrassed after dropping nine used to dominating the NFC, goes along will ngly. So do dem Saints, figuring this is The Saints drop a wild-card game to rade the entire New England franchise for New Orleans. Patriots coach Bill Parcells inaly their chance to trumph. The strategy is ruined when, even in the junior conference, New Orleans can't win come playoff Buddy Ryan, knows how not to blow a big Of course, Ryan is aided by Saints coach Jim Mora, who, despite being down 35-3 in the fourth quarter, runs the ball off secret meeting to find a cure. Their remedy louston, whose new defensive coordinator, straight Super Bowls, AFC owners hold ackte on 13 straight plays lead

# Headed for a Fall

We hate to predict bad things for anyone's career, but each season some guys have got to turnle Our leading candidate is **Thurman Thomas**, the Bills' great running back We're not doubting Thomas, but history tells you that, more than any position runners tend to have their best seasons as young men. After five seasons, most are headed down, almost, nevitably because of njuries it happened to great ones like Earl Campbell and Marcus. Allen Thomas, with almost 2,000 caneer rushes and catches has taken a lot of hits in his five years.

Other established stars due for a tumble Earnest Byner, Finc Martin, Steve McM-chael, Hersche, Walker Warren Moon Chris Burkett and Clyde Simmons. In the case of Simmons, you can't blame him With Reggie White gone, opponents will triple-team the Eagles' remaining pass-rusher supreme



gest embarrassment since former general manager Ladd Herzeg mooned a wedding reception. But we're more willing to go out on a limb, to forecast the outrageous and improbable. When it all comes true, just remember—you read it here first.

## Wisconsin: America's Winter Wonderland

Remember the argument that free agency would destroy the NFL's Rust Belt teams? In a world of free choice, commissioner Paul Tagliabue test fied during ast year's big fin a teams like the Browns, Bengals. Bills, and Packers "would have trouble surviving".

Well, it didn't happen, of course in fact while free agents dropped their beach balls



and fled California, no place proved more popular than the trny, firgid hamlet of Green Bay The Packers built an offensive I'ne behind free agents Harry Galbreath and Tunch likin and a defens ve line behind Reggie White and Bri Maas

Why Green Bay? Maybe the residents know something we don't Maybe Wisconsin is a great place to spend January, slush and snowdrifts and all. We suspect that the \$17 million given to White played a role But a big part of it is coach Mike Holmgren, a guy who learned how to win and treat his players well in San Francisco.

# Jets Get a Lott of Help

The crazy-quilt movement of free agents around the NEL this spring figures to change some team's personalities and alter pro football's balance of power. The players we foresee making a major impact include defensive tackles Pierce Holt and Jumpy Geathers with the Falcons ("We've linally got a few linemen over six-feet tall," jokes coach Jery Glanville), H-back Rod Bernstine with the Broncos, center Kirk Lowdermilk with the Colts, wide receiver Gary Clark and safety Chuck Cec with the Cardinals, in dolle interpack Jeff Hosteller with the Rams, quarterback Jeff Hosteller with the Rams, quarterback Jeff Hosteller with the Radders, and safety Tim McDonald with the 49ers

satety Infinity Contact with the 1953.

But for one-year impact, we have sets again of 33-year old safety **Ronnie Lott.**Signing of 33-year old safety **Ronnie Lott.**For sure, Lott can't cover receivers like he sost o and he may be closer to Canton than to his next Pro Bowl But listen to Jets coach Bruce Coslet. "He's a warrior who brings us the intangibles of toughness and inspiration We had eight rookies last season and seven



second-year players. Just watching how Ronnie Lott approaches the game ought to make them better."

The Jets went searching for a little leadership They found a Lott



# o Go for Joe

but, let's face it, J.J. Birden is no Jerry Rice and K.C.'s front line provides nothing close Prove us wrong, Joe Montana. Show us that, just as you've been prematurely buried before, we're too quickly pulling out the shovels this time. But, excited as everyone is about Joe Coal going to Kansas City, we and the last quarterback to win a championto the protection Montana had in San Fran cisco And third lest anyone forget the greatest quarterback of the past quartercentury played less than 30 minutes of footdon't see this culminating in Super Bowl Ring V First off, Montana is 37 years old ship at that advanced age was, et., well, nobody. Second, the Chiefs are a fine team, ball in the past two years

New team, new town, new offense, old injuries. It's no Super Bowl equation. Much as we'd love to see Montana succeed, we have these haunting visions of Joe Namath limping onto the field for the Parns and of an aged Johnny Unitas dragging his high-tops into the game for the Chargers.



# Eagles' Grash Landing

Not content with his \$7 mill on annual profit. Philade phila owner Norman Braman continues to slash costs. In September, this car dealer offers a two-for-one special to teams wantung to buy his defensive starters. In October, the man who actually charges players for san tary socks (no kidding), installs pay touets in the Vet Stadum socker room in November, Braman, a wine connesseur, accepts a trade proposal from Dallas s Jerry Jones. Two cases of world-class Borteeaux in return for Seth Joyner and Clyde Simmons, Unfortunately, Braman's wine turns to vinegar and so, too, does his ball club.

## Cowboys Thrown From Mount

We're not daft enough to predict the immnent decline of pro football's brightest franchise. But we do know how hard it is to repeat as Super Bowl champ. Cowpokes coach **Jimmy Johnson** himself said in March that he fears the advent of free agency will cause players to start comparing paychecks. "We still have good chemistry," he said. "but worry a little about the effect all of this will have on guys' egos."

We worry too Keeps us up at n.ght. So well predict a slight dip by the 'Boys from riving. Nothing to keep them out of the post-season, mind you, but perhaps just a one-season burp to interrupt their decade-long feast of championships.

#### A Shade Tree Grows in Gotham

Forecasting the success of NFL rookes is as risky as betting on pork bely futures. We were among those who prematurely ano nted Vinny Testaverde as the next Sammy Baugh. Still, two first-rounders in the 1993 draft strike us as sure things.

The Rook e of the Year on defense will be the Jets **Marvin "Shade Tree" Jones,** the intense roving linebacker who reminds us of a young Mike Singletary. Coaches at



Florida State last season didn't just keep track of Jones's sacks and tackles they kept a running list of the times he left opposing ball carriers stunned by his hits.

On offense, the top freshman will be Phoenix running back Garrison Hearst Ask NFL scouts to compare Hearst's style with any others and the names that come up are Emmitt Smith and Walter Payton. Whew, pretty good company! Some teams were scared off by the slight gament damage in Hearst's eff knee but the last guy who got that rap coming out of college was Thurman Thomas. We pred of a Thurmanator kind of year for Hearst a 1,500-yard rookie season with lots of Chris Berman nicknames. Meanwhile, it will be Phoenix rising as the mildew-covered Cards finally emerge from the NFC East basement. Sorry, Giants fans.



#### Unemployment Lines of the Rich and Famous

The advent of free agency this year prompted NFL owners to spend like so many Trumps making overnight millionaires out of career nickelbacks and specia teamers Can someone explain \$1.3 million a year for cornerback **Melvin Jenkins**? Or \$1.4 million for guard Brian Habib

The explanation of course is that—I ke their counterparts in basebal, footbal s owners got caught up in the competitive lunacy that accompanies an open market. But the key difference is that a salary cap will kick in for the NFL after this season, limiting teams to spending about \$32 million, or \$600,000 for the average player. When that happens, expect a shakeout of the marginal players. Without guaranteed contracts, it will be one year of riches followed by rapid unemployment for many of profootbal's medocremillonals.

'The players earning these marve ous salar es will have to play up to their paychecks," said Giants co-owner Robert Tisch. "Or after this season, they'l simply be let go. There could be a lot of high-priced, out-of-work players."

#### **Washington Slipped Here**

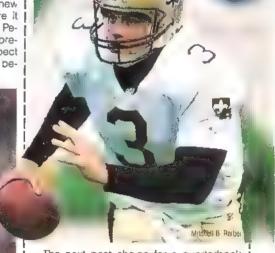
After more than a decade at the top, the geriatric Redskins are finally aid to rest Let's face it. Washington made the playoffs on memories last year, like some 80-year-old senator who gets re-elected because the voters can't bring themse ves to turn the geezer out. What you ve got at RFK this season is an offensive line with enough floating cartilage to raise the Titanic, a quarterback (Mark Rypien) who showed in 1992 that he's a lot closer to Jay Schroeder than to Sonny Jurgensen, and a Posse trying to Imp ahead without Gary Clark, which is kind of Ike Cheers trying to stay on the air without its star Ted Danson

What you've no onger got at RFK is Joe Gibbs, whose visage will next be seen when he joins Vince Lombardi, Chuck Nol and Bill Walsh on the Mount Rushmore of profootbal coaches Gibbs retired for all the right reasons (health and family), but you've got to figure there's something in his timing Like Bill Parcells in New York, he knew enough to get out of the house before it burned down On the other hand Richle Petibon is no Ray Handley Soleven as we predict the Skins will stumble in '93, we respect their front office and coaches enough to believe they'll be back on top before long



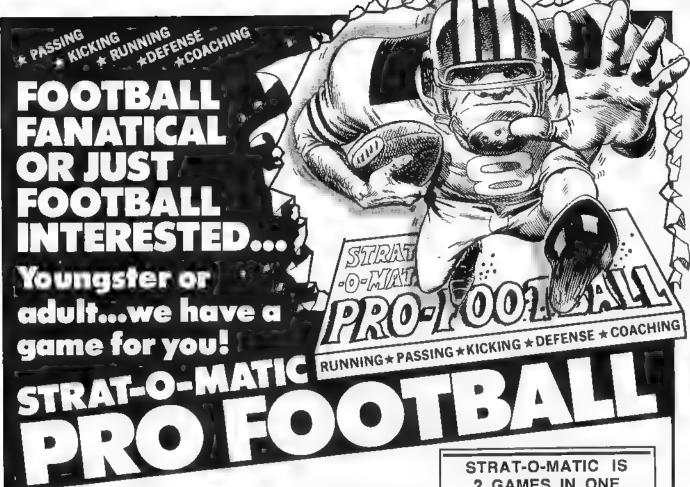
What did Chris Miller do last season? He threw for 15 touchdowns and just six interceptions for the Falcons, finishing second in the NFL in passing. So what did Atlanta coach Jerry Glanville do in the offseason? He signed free agent quarterback **Bobby Hebert,** formerly of the Saints to a three-year \$10.4 million contract. Hebert probably couldn't win a playoff game if you lined him up behind center Jim Langer and the 72 Dolphins Still, Glanville refers to himself as 'the world's biggest Bobby Hebert fan '

So who' I open in At anta? We're not sure, but we do know this. The first time the starter throws a few interceptions, the crowd will demand the backup. And given that Gianvile isn't exactly Mr. Stability, he'il probably listen to the rapple.



The next best choice for a quarterback controversy is Phoenix, where newcomer Steve Beuerlein's Promethean contract makes him the apparent starter But Cards fans couldn't ask for more than Chris Chandler gave in '92, especially with about six tackiers draped around him on most passing attempts. Expect heat out of Phoenix

Now, if we can just find a way to get Jeff Hostetler back to New York.



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## Steve Young's Winning Style

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What does Steve Young have to do? He was the National Football League's Most Valuable Player in 1992 and was named to every a l-star team in sight. He's been the NFL's highest-rated passer for the last two seasons In February, the San Francisco 49ers designated him their "franchise player" Yet many fans in the San Francisco Bay Area thought the 49ers should trade him and not team legend Joe Montana, who in tiated his move to Kansas City for the Chiefs No 1 pick in the '93 graft Young's sin, as his detractors see it. He hasn't led the 49ers to a victory in the Super Bowl, something Montana did a record-tying four times t aidn't help when the 49ers, who were seen by many as the premier team in pro football in '92, fell to the youthful Dallas Cowboys in the NFC championship game. Young did throw two interceptions against the Cowboys, but

But as many remembered, Montana always seemed to surmount the miscues of his teammates and win Young, on a wet and muddy Sunday at Candlestick Park, did not So, despite the fact that he completed 25 of 35 passes for 313 yards and a touchdown, many focused only on the loss, and on what Young hadn't done lately

there were enough 49ers mistakes in that game to spread beame around the entire roster. The defense, in particular, failed at crucial moments.

Young was as upset about the defeat as anybody "When you get to this point, you know how hard it is to lose," he said "Around here, we really expect to go all the way every year"

It was a bad end to a great season for Young, a quarterback who finally emerged in 1992 as the best on his team, and—by many measures—the best in profootbal. The major reason for that may have been that the left-hander out of Brigham Young and the United States Football League finally became his own man Young had great statistical success in 1991 (an NFL-high 101 8 rating) after he

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#### Steve Young's Winning Style continued

took over the 49ers when Montana was sidelined by eibow surgery. Yet he frequently was frustrated in trying to run a Montana-style oftense. The turning point came in the final game of the '91 season, a 52-14 victory over the Chicago Bears in which Young completed 21 of 32 passes for 338 yards and three touchdowns and ran eight times for 63 yards and a fourth score

"Before that game," 49ers coach George Seifert said. 'Steve had played very well, but many times he seemed to be struggling, almost as if he were fighting with himself. I told him to just move the club and not worry about how he had to do it I said. You have Godgiven aboutes, just take advantage of them

Young's self-analysis

When you take the job of quarterback with this team, there's a lot of history and a lot of expectations that go along with it is used to try to do everything possible all at once, sometimes on every play. Obviously, my expectations, or at least my reactions, weren't practical as far as being consistently productive. After I got hurt 1 realized it was my job to orchestrate the offense, not play every instrument. I had to relax more and let everything come together. After the Chicago game, I thought, 'This is how it should be From that day, I couldn't wait for the new season to begin

I took Seifert several games into the 92 season to become a believer in the new Young 'It became obvious to me that Steve had shaken whatever demon it was that had bothered him." Selfert said. "He finally seemed to be at peace with himself, rather than fighting himself and trying to do too much

Young's teammates definitely noticed Offensive tackle Harris Barton, Young's former roommate, said "In 1991 Steve put all the pressure on himself and had all 47 of the guys nding on his shoulders. That's why, when things didn't go right, he was totally heartbroken. Now, he realizes everybody is getting paid to work, too, and he's responsible for just doing his share of the work.

It's not hard to figure why Young felt the need to bear so much responsibility. As the great great grandson of Mormon leader Brigham Young, and a terrific player, he was The Man at BYU, and the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy in 1983, Rather than go on to the NFL with the Cincinnati Bengais, who wanted to make him the draft's No 1 pick, he signed a headline-grabbing, \$40 million contract with the Los Angeles Express of the USFL and was immediately looked upon as the savior of an upstart league that was trying to buy credibility. Then, after the Express went bankrupt and the USFL folded, Young was supposed to be the cornerstone of a growing NFL franchise in Tampa Bay But the Buccaneers gave him so little support he could win only four games in two seasons.

Young persuaded the Bucs to trade him to the 49ers, at a time when doctors were saying Montana's back wouldn't hold up much longer But it did, and Young, even though thencoach Bill Walsh said he would be the next great 49er quarterback, became just a muchpublicized backup, chafing in that role for four seasons. So, when he finally repraced the in-

ured Montana as the 49er starter, there was little wonder he tried to do too much too often

Things were different in 92 Montana was on injured reserve and the 49ers became Young's team "I played enough in '91 that was familiar with the difference between being somebody who came off the bench to make a big play and somebody who had to step in and lead the team every week," he said."

Outwardly at least, he was able to shrug off the persistent criticism and the unfavorable compansons to Montana much better than he had in '91. The way offensive coord nator Mike Shanahan saw it, Young improved almost every week in his ability to get the most out of the system, out of each play and most important, put of himse f

"Everybody's got different strengths" Shanahan said "Joe Montana's got such a feel for when to throw the timing pass, for hit-

All Young has wanted to do is play. And when he finally got the chance in San Francisco, he played brilliantly.

ting the seams, for reading the entire field Steve's got a strong arm and the ability to make a great play out of something that shouldn't be a play at all. We've all seen that with some of his great runs as well as his passes. A lot of people have to throw certain passes on time to get the ball there before the defense makes is break. Steve has such arm strength that he can wait a little longer.

Young is as strong as most running backs, and over the years has been a skilled and fearsome runner, lending an endearing recklessness to his game. But some think all the running has been a detriment to his passing

Shanahan disagrees. 'Being able to run is not a liability if it is used properly, and think Steve is using it properly," he said. "He keeps his head up and ooks for receivers. He doesn't look once, then put his head down and run. The more he plays, the more instinclive he seems to be with the offense.

His turbulent stay in San Francisco isn't the first time that Young has ridden a roller coaster. He is one of the four sons of LeGrande Young, a New York corporate rawyer and former Brigham Young football player who lived

up to his niokname. 'Grit.'

'He was the kind of guy that when I'd wake up Saturday mornings at, say nine o'clock and was supposed to mow the lawn, the lawnmower would be going " Young said. "He would want me to come sprinting out so he could say, I can't wait all day ' You know, it was the old I delivered papers in the snow business when I was growing up. My dad wanted you to do everything perfectly. And he wanted to keep you humble

The discipline didn't always suit him. When Steve followed his father to BYU he was an eighth-string quarterback, after his freshman year the coaches wanted to move him to de-

fensive back. He returned to his home in Greenwich, CT, and told Grit he was going to quit. "You can quit," his dad supposedly responded, 'but if you do, you can't I ve here ' Three years later, Young was the best senior quarterback in the country one of BYU's proud line, and soon to become very rich

And now he's an even richer young man. As the 49ers' "franchise player," his salary-a reported \$2.5 million in 1992-will be pumped up to the top five at his position in the NFL. He has earned respect all over the league and most conspicuously, from his teammates Last December, they voted him the Les Eshmont Award (named in honor of one of the original 49ers in 1946) which is emblematic of inspiration and courage

"I'm bowled over by it," he said when he got the award. "My dad would take a lot of heart in this, because he was big on relationships. He always told me, 'If you don't want to be part of the team, then go play golf or tennis. He was big on playing your part. He made me stick

with things

At this point, Steve Young knows all about sticking with things. And, truth be told, he has managed to handle the del cate situation with Montana better than Montana, whose snippy comments about Young and their respective roles made their way into print occasionally Before Montana returned to play for the 49ers briefly against Detroit at the end of last season, Young who is studying to become a lawyer, was the picture of aplomb and grace

"I know they will be cheering for Joe, and I understand that "he said without a trace of jealousy or bitterness. "It's inspiring for all of us to see him back on the field after people said he couldn't come back. People try to pull us apart, but we're both team-oriented Young was just as deft after hearing the Candiestick Park fanaticism directed toward Montana "That's quite a tribute," he said, "He doesn't play in two years, and they treat him I ke that That's wonderful

It would be wonderful if the 49er fans treated Steve Young that way someday, too Given his intelligence and his sensitive nature, he'd appreciate it. The bottom line is that all Young realty has wanted to do over the years is play And when he finally got a chance to do that in

San Francisco, he played brilliantly.

But there remains a fierce lack of loyalty to Young among the 49er faithful It seems that no matter how well he does, that won't be enough for enough people. For them, even if Steve Young should wind up in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, they II want an asterisk on his plaque and a notation that says, "Wasn't as good as Joe Montana " Young's agent Leigh Steinberg, is well aware of all this, and suggested early this year that his client might like to find a community that better appreciates his talents

Young said no. "I have battled and this is the team where I feel like I can be the best," he said. 'I've been with organizations that didn't have the attitude the 49ers do. If you're going to play football, and realize it's an organizational game, then this is the organization want to be with And that's been the case for many years."

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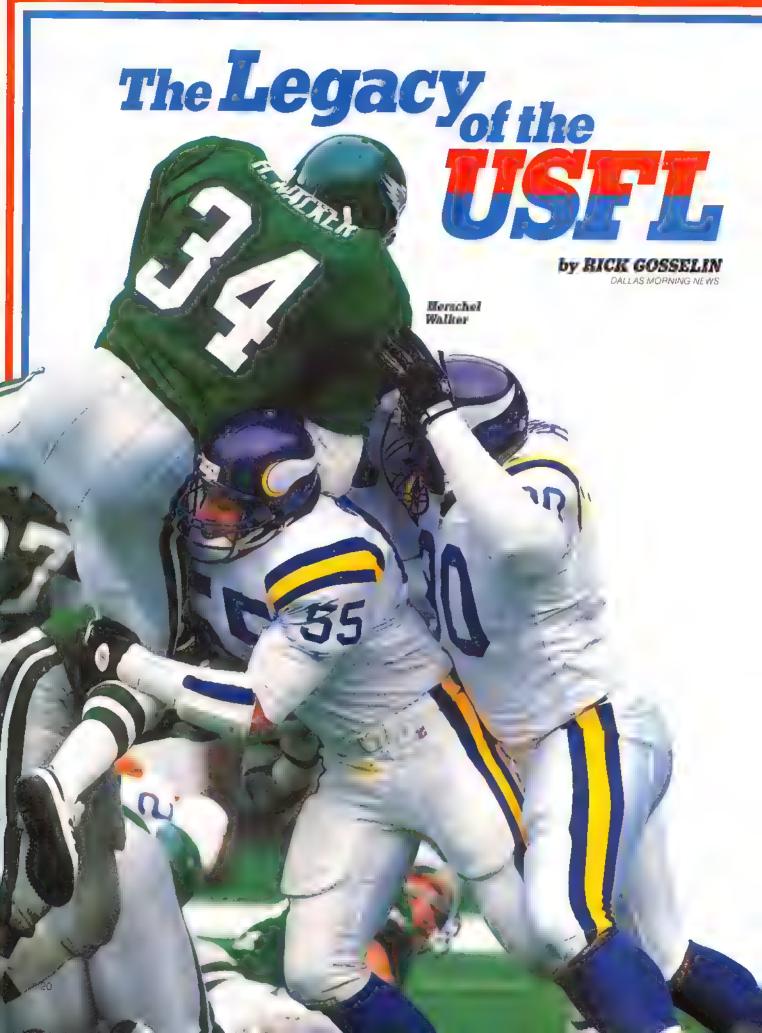
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## Since 1986, 28 former USFL players have gone to the NFL Pro Bowl.

The United States Football League left a sparkling legacy in the annals of American football Not for the caliber of its play, but

the caliber of its player

As a league, the USFL was a novelty with its spring season iterritorial draft picks, and two-point conversions. But itelevision revenues and fan support never threatened those of the older, established NFL. Spring was a time for baseball the NBA playoffs, the Masters, Indianapolis 500, and Kentucky Derby—not footbal. So the USFL finally pulled the plug on itself in 1986 after a three-year run. Its teams quietly faded away. But not its players.

Maybe the USFL wasn't the NFL Maybe the Philadelphia Stars weren't the Philadelphia Eagles. But the best quarterbacks in the USFL could line up and play with the best quarterbacks in the NFL The best USFL I nebackers could play with the best NFL linebackers. And so on That's not a matter of opinion. That's

titles (Reggie White in 1987-88), an NFL scoring title (Scott Norwood in 1988) and an NFC rushing crown (Herschel Walker in 1988). Kely was selected the NFL Player of the Year in 1990 and Young in 1992. White, who has gone to the Pro Bowl in each of his seven NFL seasons, was chosen the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1987, an honor bestowed on Keith Millard in 1989. Doug Williams was the MVP of Super Bowl XXII. Anthony Carter set an NFL playoff record with 227 receiving yards in a game against San Francisco Clark and Richard Johnson also have had 200-yard receiving games in the NFL and Gary Anderson a 200-yard rushing game.

The average NFL playing career is four years. But in 1992—seven years after the USFL last snapped a football—there were 55 former USFL players still performing in the NFL Forty-four of them started games last season and nine went to the Pro Bowl

Sam Mills

based on a seven-year NFL documentation of USFL skills. Since 1986, 28 former USFLers have gone to the NFL Pro Bowl. Twenty different USFL aiumn have been named NFL Players of the Week eight have been Players of the Month, two named Players of the Year and two others Defensive Players of the Year

The NFL players had the feeling we had to go to the minor leagues before we could jump to the major leagues," said former USFLer Gary Clark, who to ed with the Jacksonville Buils before becoming a Pro Bowl wide receiver for the Washington Redskins "Well the minor leagues must have had some pretty good players."

#### USFL Alumni

USFL aumni have won the last three NFL passing championships (Jim Kelly in 1990 and Steve Young in 1991-92), two NFL sack

"I always thought we were better than the media made us out to be," said former Philadelphia Stars coach Jim Mora, who now coaches the New Orleans Saints. "But I didn't th'nk we had as many good players at turns out we did I didn't apprec ate now many good players we had until they came to the NFL and playerd so well."

Mora's Stars won two of the three USFL championships. Eight of the Stars are still in the NFL and five have developed into Pro Bowl performers. Inebackers Mike Johnson and Sam Mills center Bart Oates, defensive end William Fuiler, and punter Sean Landeta

The Los Angeles Express never won a USFL title But veteran NFL architect Don Klosterman built them into one of the best young teams in all of football Proof of that is the fact that 10 players from the Express are still active in the NFL including Pro Bowl vet-

erans Young, Mel Gray, Kevin Mack, Lee Willams, and Gary Zimmerman. Compare that with perennial NFL powers Dalias, Miami, San Francisco, and the Raiders. Each has only eight players at II active from its 1985 team.

There were former JSFL players on the rosters of 25 of the 28 NFL teams last season New Or eans led the way with six and Houston was next with five. The three teams without any USFL players were Kansas City, Miami, and Pitsburgh—but there was a USFL presence on two of them. Car. Peterson, who but the Stars as president and general manager, holds the same titles with the Chiefs, and Dom Capers, a former Stars assistant coach is now the defensive coordinator of the Steelers.

"The USFL was a better league than people gave it credit for 'said Mills, who has played for Mora in both leagues. "Great players over there like White implication, Kelly, and A.C. [Carter] became great players over here."

The USFL attracted four classes of players the NFL provens and unprovens, and college provens and unprovens. The USF\_ needed the provens to sell tickets and the unprovens to provide the competitive balance. The NFL provens weren't hard to find-not with the money the USFL was flashing. Quarterbacks were a priority, and the LSFL signed veteran starters Vince Evans, Brian Sipe Cliff Stoudt and Doug Williams. The USFL also signed safety Gery Barbaro, runn no back Loe Cribbs, tight and Dan Ross, inebackers Bobby Leopold and Jim LeClair, and offens ve inemen Luis Sharpe and Ray Pinney All were NFL starters, Barbaro Cribbs, and Ross were Pro Bowlers, NFL stars Lawrence Taylor, Billy Sims and Cris Collinsworth also's gned future contracts with the new league but never played in the USFL

The money was as good—and in some cases better—for the college provens. The USFL won bidding wars for five NFL first-round draft picks. Kelly, Millard Gary Anderson, Mossy Cade and Leonard Coleman The USFL also signed three consecutive Heisman Trophy winners—Walker (1982), Mike Rozier (1983) and Doug Flutie (1984)—p us numerous Ail-Americas Carter Marcus Dupree Fuller, Gordon Hudson Mike and Vaughan Johnson, Marcus Marek, Oates, Wayne Radloff Doug Smith, Tom Thayer, White, Young, and Zimmerman

"The [NFL] draft prognosticators were saying I could go anywhere from the first to the third round" said Fuller, a defensive end from North Carolina. "The difference in money was huge, it felt if I could get Philade phia to give me first round money, I had to go Plus, they guaranteed it So I really couldn't lose."

Wa ker, White, and Young signed landmark contracts. Walker forfeited his senior season at Georg a when he accepted a three-year, \$5 million contract from the New Jersey Generals. Young signed a staggering 43-year, \$40 million deal with the Express and White became pro-football's first million-dollar defen-

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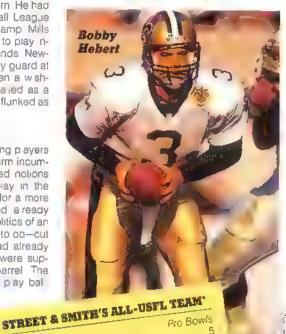
sive lineman. In most cases, the USFL got what it paid for Anderson Barbaro, Carter Cribbs, Fuller, Kelly LeClair Marek, Oates Pinney Radloff, Ross Smith, Walker White and Zimmerman became all-USFL performers, Rozier a 1 000-yard rusher and Stoudt and Williams 3,000-yard passers

But the JSFL got more than expected from its unprovens. The new league provided refuge for NFL rejects like Dan Fike, Nate Newton and Norwood. It was a third chance for Harry Sydney, who had already been cut by two NFL teams, and a fourth for Chr s Godfrey who had been waived by three teams. Milis's career had taken an even rock er turn. He had been cut by the Canadian Football League after washing out of his only NFL camp. Mills was undersized by NFL standards to play nside I nebacker at 5-9 and 225 pounds. Newlon was oversized back then to play guard at 300-plus pounds. Sydney had been a wishbone quarterback in college but failed as a fullback in his NFL tryouts. Godfrey flunked as a defensive kneman

Equal Opportunity

But there was greater equality among players in the USFL. There were no long-term incumbent starters and few preconce ved notions about players. The best would play in the USFL It was that simple It made for a more relaxed setting for those who had a ready been through the pressures and politics of an NFL camp, "What were they going to do-cut us?' Newton mused. All of us had already been cut two or three times. We were supposed to be the bottom of the barrel The pressure was off. We could relax, play ball and have some fun '

Newton came out of a small school (Florida A&M) and lacked the poish to play right away in the NFL But the Tampa Bay Bandits could show more patience than the Washington Redskins Washington had guards who were better than Newton Tampa Bay don't So Newton started 36 straight games for the Bandissiplaying time that enabled him to overcome his deficiencies as a pass blocker Newton signed with the Dallas Cowboys in 1986 when the USFL forced and moved into the starting ineup in 87. He's been there ever since, culminated by his first Super Bowl and Pro Bowl appearances in January



Godfrey also started a Super Bowl for the New York Giants. He can thank the Michigan. Panthers for that opportunity. A defensive lineman as a collegian. Godfrey was moved to offensive tackle by the Panthers. So he was starting from scratch and it showed in his USFL debut in 1983. He was beaten by a Birmingham defender for a sack on the very first play of the season "I fell right on my duff" Godfrey recalled "I thought, 'This is going to be a long uphal battle 'And It was for the first few games. But in the NFL I would never have gotten the chance to get beaten for a sack and be allowed to stay in there, make adjustments and learn the position the hard way The USFL gave me a chance

The USFL also gave Fike the chance to block, Mil's the chance to tackle. Sydney the chance to run, and Norwood the chance to kick Fike's blocking for the Bandits earned him a contract with the Cleveland Browns, for whom he has now started 100 games. Mills was a rare three-time a I-USFL pick and has topped that with four Pro Bowl perths with the

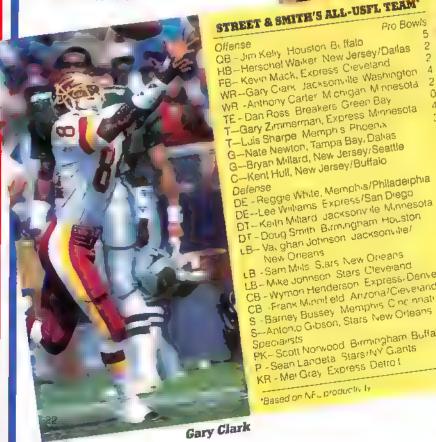


Saints Sydney showed he could run the ball with a 961-yard, 10-loughdown season for the Denver Gold in 1984. Since then he has picked up two Super Bowlings as a backup. with San Francisco and now starts at ful back for Green Bay, Norwood had four 100-point seasons and appeared in two Super Bowls and a Pro Bowl for the Buffalo B Is

'If you're a good player, it shows up no matter where you're playing," said Jim Staney, the former head coach of the Panthers and now the Oilers, defensive line coach,

#### Haven for the Unproven

The USFL also became a haven for unproven collegians. They came from big schools like Mississippi State (Kent Hull) and California (Gary Plummer) intermed ate schools such as James Madison (Clark) and Cincinnati (George Jam son), and small schools like Bethune-Cookman (Lee Williams) and Southcontinued



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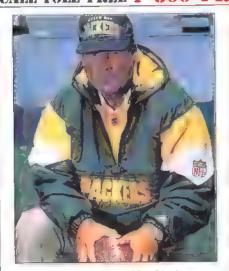


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west Texas State (Ricky Sanders) These players weren't Al Americas Few even made a -conference. What they needed was a chance to play and develop their skills. The NFL could not promise them that opportunity but the USFL could.

Clark had to make the toughest decision of that group. He was an explosive return man at James Madison, with four career touchdowns. The NFL had a definite interest in him. But he considered himself a wide receiver first and foremost. The NFL did not, "They wanted me as a return special st," Clark said. "But I want ed to be on the field more than that I knew if I went to the USFL I could play right away."

So Clark didn't even wait for the NFL draft, signing with the Jacksonville Bulls after they made him their first-round pick. He caught 66 passes in his rook elyear in 1984, then jumped to the Redskins in 1985. He became a starter that year and has put together five 1,000-yard seasons and been to four Pro Bowls since then He now ranks 19th on the NFL's all-time receiving list. "The learning experience I had in the USFL was great." Clark said. "I had Lindy Infante as a coach, and he was an offensive genius. Everything I learned there I use here."

Sanders and Plummer needed to learn new positions in the pros. Sanders was a running back in college but went to the Houston Gamblers as a wide receiver. Plummer was a nose tackie who went to the Oakland Invaders as an inside linebacker. "I wasn't good enough to make it in the NFL," Plummer said. "It was hard enough to go from college to the profevel at the same position, much less at a new one. So it was either the USFL or the CFL. That is the way it was for a lot of us."

Sanders learned his new position quickly catching 101 passes from Kelly in his rookie year. He moved over to the NFL in 1986 and

developed into a 1,000-yard receiver for the Redskins. Plummer started all three seasons for the Invaders and wound up as the team's all-time-leading tackler. He signed with San Diego in 1986 and has started all seven of his NFL seasons, averaging 100 tackles per year.

Hull, Jamison, and Williams all needed work coming out of college. Hull had been a wishbone center, thus pass blocking was foreign to him. Jamison was converted to linebacker from defensive tackle in his final college season, so the reads at the position were still new

#### FOR THE BECORD

Don Maynard ranks seventh on the NFL's all-time receiving list—even though only 87 of his 633 career catches came in NFL games. His other 546 catches came during his days in the American Football Learning.

Herschel Walker and his USFL pals are not getting the same break from the NFL record keepers. They had to start their NFL careers with a clean slate—none of their USFL statistics carned over Walker has scored 129 touchdowns as a professional, more than any player in American football history. But because 61 of them came in the USFL, you won't tind his name among the NFL's leaders. He also has enough rushing yards in his career to rank fifth all-time. But because 5,562 of them came in the USFL, he holds only the No. 24 spot in the NFL record book.

"The position I take is that if the AFL records counted, why not the USFL?" said Bill Polian, the former pro personnel director of the USFL Chicago Blitz and general manager of the NFL Buffalo Bills "I don't understand why one is O K, and not the other."

Reggie White ranks second to Lawrence Taylor on the all-time sack list with
124 --but not if you count the 23½ White
registered in the USFL. Only eight players in history have caught more passes
than the 615 by Gary Clark But the NFL
subtracts the 66 he caught in the USFL
and ranks him 19th in its record book
Jim Kelly ranks sixth all-time in touchdown passes and ninth in passing yardage Minus his USFL numbers, he falls to
38th in NFL history in TDs and 43rd in
yardage.

"I wish my USFL stats counted," Kelly said. "They'd look pretty good on my résumé. I'd even take the 76 sacks in the USFL if I could have the others."

to him. Williams was a big-time pass rusher in college but had limited exposure to big-time pass blockers in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Hull learned the art of pass protection with the New Jersey Generals. By his third season he was an all-USFL pick. By his third NFL season in 1988, he was a Pro Bowl pick for Buffalo. Jamison was an all-rookie choice in the USFL and started both of his seasons with the Stars. He has been an NFL starter for the last five seasons with Detroit and was named defensive MVP of the 1991 NFC Central Division champions. The big sack numbers continued for Williams in the USFL (13 with the Express in 1984), and they got even bigger after his move to the NFL. He had 15 sacks for San Diego in 1986 and 14 in 1989. Williams has 79



career sacks in the NFL and has been to two Pro Bowls

When you play, you improve "said Bill Kuharich, the player personnel director of the Stars, who now works in the same capacity for the Saints "Guys who came to the USFL got the chance to play."

Like Bobby Hebert. He would have been a third-or fourth round draft choice out of Northwestern (LA) State in the great quarterback class of 1983 and likely would have spent his first few NFL seasons on the bench. Instead he signed with the USFL and enjoyed immedate success. Hebert led Mich gan to the inaugural championship and was named the JSFL's first Player of the Year. Since joining the Saints in 1985, he has posted a 49-26 record as a starting quarterback.

Mike Johnson was never an all-USFL pick, but he has been to three Pro Bow's for Cleveland. The same with Vaughan Johnson no acclaim for his play in the USFL but four Pro Bow's in the NFL. Others I ke Frank Minnifield Gray, Mack, Fuller, and Young all carved out better careers in the NFL than in the USFL.

The USFL woke NFL people up to the fact that there were a lot of guys out there who could play football." Walker said. "When the the USFL went under, you noticed that all the NFL teams ran out and signed uSFL prayers it wasn't like they didn't went us or didn't feel we were good enough. They knew these guys could play."



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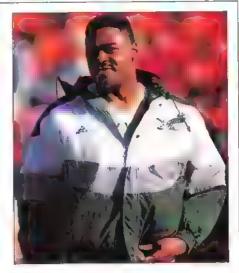




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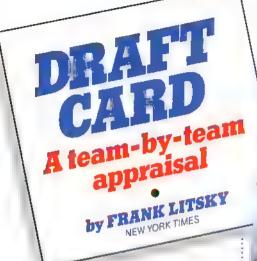


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For its first 56 years, the draft of college players provided National Footbail League teams with a lifeblood of young, anxious taient. This year, the first in the wacky new world of unrestricted free agency the draft took on a new rote, although the people involved had trouble defining it. The teams had eight weeks to sign unrestricted free agents before the draft and 11 weeks afterward. First, most teams acquired or tried to acquire veteran players. Then they plugged some holes in the draft. Then they tried to fill the remaining gaps by again signing someone e se's veteran players

So while the draft shared its previously exclusive role, it still had a life of its own. For months, the draft fanatics studied the check lists and ratings from such draftniks as Joel Buchsbaum and Mel Kiper Jr, and Ourlad's Record numbers of people watched six hours of the draft on live television-if the reading of names can be called live

The New York Gants had no first-round choice because they spent it the previous July for QB Dave Brown in the first round of a supplemental draft. The Philade phia Eagles and the Phoenix Cardinals each had an extra phoice because the unrestricted free agents they had designated as franchise players-DE Reggie White of the Eagles and SS Tim McDonald of the Cardinais-had signed with other teams. The collective bargaining agree-

ment bound franchise players to their old teams, but franch se players who were defendants in antitrust suits against the NFL were

allowed to move

The first round produced a record-tying 11 trades. The most exciting action came after the New England Patriots had taken QB Drew Bledsce of Washington State with the first pick overall and the Seattle Seahawks had settled for QB Rick Mirer of Notre Dame with the secand pick. Everyone knew Bledsoe and Mirer would be chosen 1-2 or 2-1. But next up were the New York Jets, and no one was sure who the Jets would take The favorite was MLB Marvin Jones of Florida State, but RB Garr son Hearst of Georgia was also a candidate RB Blair Thomas, whom the Jets had made the second choice overall in 1990, had achieved ?



Drew Bledsoe

Ittle, and 72 hours before this draft the Jets made unsuccessful bids to sign RBs Derrick Fenner of the Cincinnati Bendals and Chris Warren of the Sealtle Seahawks, both restricted free agents

The Phoenix Cardinals, picking right behind the Jets were worried. They wanted Hearst badly and they feared that the Jets would take him or trade the pick to a team perhaps the Los Angeles Rams, that wanted him. So when the Jets turn came during the draft, the Cardinals induced the Jets to swap picks. The sweetener for the Jets was R8 Johnny Johnson, a productive but moody underachiever in his three years with the Cardinals. So the Cardinals got Hearst and the Jets got a prime running back free and then drafted Jones, the player they wanted anyway

Even giving up Johnson, the Cardinals had perhaps the best draft of any team. The Kansas City Chiefs were up there, too if you count the pre-draft trade that gave them QB upe Montana. Kudos, too to the Jets, the Patriots the Benga's and the Denver Broncos Boos for the Buffa o Bills, the Eagles, the Miami Doiphins, and the Cleveland Browns

Here is a team-by-team look at the draft and the free-agent movements that affected what the teams did

#### **ATLANTA FALCONS**

Just a fair draft. The defensive line got help beforehand with the free-agent signings of DEs Pierce Holt and Jumpy Geathers, Bill Fra-Irc and Houston Hoover, the starting quards departed in free agency, and fast defenders were needed. The first-round pick landed OT Lincoln Kennedy of Washington State, 6-6 and 358 pounds, with an appet te to match But he is athletic, and if he doesn't eat himself out of a job, he can be a perennial all-pro. S Roger Harper of Ohio State (second round) and LB Ron George of Stanford (fifth round) have speed immediate help should come from P Harold Alexander of Appalachian State, whose punts averaged 47.0 yards in 1991 and 44 4 in 1992

#### BUTTALO RILLS

Disappointing, General manager Bill Polian was fired after the Bills' third Super Bow loss in three years, but at least he helped get them. there, and without him the Bills were treading water in the draft. They had a ready lost OT Will Wolford and ILBs Shane Conlan and Carlton Bailey to free agency and they drafted I the to replace them. Their first-rounder, CB. Thomas Smith of North Carolina, is an insecure lackler and a reach DT John Parre la of Tennessee (second round) is a run stopper with a profuture. The Bill's drafted no linebackers and the two offensive tackles they picked-Corbin Lacina of Augustana (sixth round) and Chris Luneberg of West Chester (eighth round)—are small-college projects

#### CHICAGO BEARS

Good Dave Wannstedt, who replaced Mike Ditka as head coach was big on speed and youth when he coached the Dailas Cowboys defense and he got some of both for his new learn Before the draft, the Bears re-signed QB Jim Harbaugh for \$13 million over four years maybe loo much, but at least they have continued





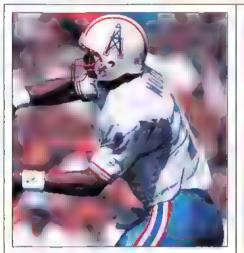






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a quarterback. In the first round, they gave : him WR/PR Curtis Conway of Southern California, who has game-breaking speed and great pro potential As Wannstedt said. Curtis is a big play waiting to happen." DT Carl Simpson. of Florida State (second round) is a ouick 280pounder who must learn to shed blocks. The offens ve line will get help from TE Chris Gednev of Syracuse (third round), a good combination blocker and receiver, and OG Todd Perry of Kentucky (fourth round), a quick and solid run blocker

#### CINCINNATI BENGALS

Very good The Bengals, never known as spenders, all but boycotted the pre-draft freeagency frenzy. They were besieged with draft-week offers because they had the fifth choice overal, but they kept it and took DT



John Copeland of Alabama He was one of the true gems in the draft, a blue-chip pass rusher who could also stuff the run. Then they picked TE Tony McGee of Michigan (second round) a blocker with pro skels. With the third-round choice they had for trading QB Boomer Esiason to the New York Jets, they tapped LB Steve Tovar of Ohio State, a king-sized plugger who should help immediately. Sleeper DB Forey Duckett of Nevada (fifth round)

#### CLEVELAND BROWNS

Not good. Before the draft, they's gined plenty of free agents-QB Vinny Testaverde as a backup for Berne Kosar, WR Mark Carner OG Houston Hoover and CB Najee Musta faa-and they traded for DT Jerry Ball On draft day they traded down to the 14th pick in the first round and took Steve Everitt of Michigan, the best center on the board and a target of the Minnesota Vikings, But wouldn't DE Dan-Williams have helped more? On the second round they got DE Dan Footman of Forida State, king-sized at 6-5 and 281, who had slipped down to the 42nd pick because of a chronic bad knee O\_Bs Mike Caldwell of Middle Tennessee (third round) and Tray's Hill of Nebraska (seventh round) may be p

#### **DALLAS COWROYS**

No fireworks, as in the days when they had all those Herschel Walker picks, but still a sound draft. They traded down out of the first round and picked two second-rounders from the University of Mamil coach Jimmy Johnson's old stomping grounds. WR/PR Keyin Williams. faster and probably better than the departed Kelvin Martin, and OLB Darrin Smith, swift but small at 6-0 and 228 RB Derrick Lassic of Alabama (fourth round) is a willing workhorse who can give Emmitt Smith a breather, and if he develops the Cowbovs may never have to pass. They took no quarterback in the draft, and veteran Hugh Millen, obtained as a back up, is not as good as Steve Beueren, who fled during free agency

#### **DENVER BRONCOS**

Good They signed OT Don Maggs and OG Brian Hab b during the first eight days of free agency and then got them RBs Rod Bernstine and Robert Delpino to block for. On draft day they traded up to the 11th pick of the first round, apparently to get WR Sean Dawkins to replace the departed Mark Jackson and help QB John Elway But when the explosive DE Dan Williams of Toledo slipped down, they grabbed him RB Glyn Milburn of Stanford (second round) is 5-8 and 177 and has thirddown potential FS Rondell Jones of North Carolina (third round) is big quick and ag gressive. DE Jeff Robinson of daho could be a fourth-round bargain

#### **DETROIT LIONS**

Good, and not only because of the draft-day trade of a first-rounder and a fourth-rounder to the New Orleans Saints for all-pro OLB Pat



Patrick Bates

Swilling Before the draft, the Lions swept up such free-agent offensive I nemen as Bill Fralic, David Lutz, and Dave Richards, and when they failed to land DE Reggie White, they opted for Swilling a flery pass rusher. With CBs Melvin. Jenkins and Sheldon White lost to free agency, they took CB Ayan McNeil of Miam, a sharp, instinctive

player, on the second round. The two thirdround picks were OLB Antonio London of Alabama, a small shibut fast pass rusher, and C Mike Compton of West Virginia, a big, tough run hindker.

#### GREEN BAY PACKERS

Good. Pre-draft free agency brought the prize of prizes, DE Reggie White, and blocking help from OG Harry Galbreath and OT Tunch Ilkin The draft unhappily brought no running backs. With their first-round pick, they passed up WR Sean Dawkins, who would have kept opponents from double-teaming Sterling Sharpe on every play, but took OLB Wayne Simmons of Clemson, who has speed but not always intensity. They traded with the Dallas Cowboys to get the last pick of the first round and chose CB George Teague of Alabama, a big-play defender OT Earl Dotson of Texas A&I (third round) is 6-3 and 315 pounds andexcuse the pun-not always hungry

#### **HOUSTON OILERS**

Fair. Before the draft, the Overs did I tile more in free agency than protect their own free agents. On draft day Buddy Ryan, their new defensive coordinator and head coach in waiting wanted quick help for his unit. But the Overs traded up with Buddy's old team, the Philadelphia Eagles, for the 13th pick and took OT Brad Hopkins of Illinois, a guick 300pounder who may start immediately for the departed Don Maggs At 6-1, ILB Micheal Barrow of Miami (second round) is smallsh but tough. WR Travis Hannah of Southern Calfornia (5-7, 161), taken in the fourth round, will help the run-and-shoot if he can get off the line Sleeper DB Blaine Bishop of Ball State (eighth round)

#### INDIANAPOLE COLTS

Good A year after they broke the bank to pay DT Steve Emtman and LB Quentin Coryatt, the first two overall choices in the '92 draft, the Colts determined to upgrade the offense. Before the graft, they bulked up their offensive ine with big-buck free agents, signing OT Will Wolford for \$7 650,000 over three years and C Kirk Lowder-

milk for \$6,450,000 over three years in the draft, their first pick was WR Sean Dawkins of California, a big (6-4, 213) and b g-play receiver who should make a quick impact. They needed running backs, and in the second round they found FB Roosevelt Polts of Northeast Louisiana, 6-1 and too heavy at 258 but quick enough to get outside

Sean Dawkins



#### KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

When you get use Montana, maybe the best quarterback ever, for a first-round choice and get a player and a draft choice thrown in, you're off to a great start. Even a 37-year-old Montana whose bad elbow has I mited him to two quarters in two years should be better than Dave Krieg, who took every snap last year. Because the Chiefs spent their second-round choice on DE Darren Micke in last year's supplemental draft, their first pick this time came in the third round. He was OG Will Shields of Nebraska, a 299-pounder who can pull OLB Jamie Fields of Washington (fourth round) is tough but only 6-0 and may be more effective inside.

#### LOS ANGELES HAIDERS

Not much and, par for the course for the Raiders, a little strange. They wanted a safety to replace Ronnie Lott and found a beauty in the first round in Patrick Bates of Texas A&M, one pick before the Philadelphia Eagles would have taken him. He's big, strong, athletic, and a quick fix. Because the Raiders had signed QB Jeff Hostetler as a free agent, their drafting of QB Brity Joe Hobert of Washington (third round) was a surprise and apparently a farewell message for Todd Marinovich. Like Marinovich, Hobert is gifted but not always dedicated. In the third round, the team that loves

speed took CB James Trapp of Clemson, a world champion sprinter but an nexpenenced football player

#### LOS ANGELES RAMS

Not bad Coach Chuck Knox, creator and chief executioner of the grind-it-out offense, already had Cleveland Gary, a tai back who rushed for 1,125 yards last year. So on the first round, when he could not get RB Garrison Hearst he opted for FB Jerome Bett's of Notre Dame, a 5-11, 248-pound battering Ram who will get a shot at tai back. Bettis likes the idea saying, "I don't want to be restricted in terms of the things I can do." More running backs? Try Russell White of California (third round), who could develop. TE Troy Draylon of Penn State is big and can go deep. But the Rams got no middle linebacker to stop the run and no pass rusher to replace Kevin Greene.

#### MIAMI DOLPHINS

Puzzling They needed a running back badly. And even though Merk Claylon had become an outcast, they had three good veteran wide receivers in Mark Duper, a holdover Mark Ingram is gned as a free agent; and Irving Fryar, acquired in a trade. So they did not need a receiver, right? Wrong in the first round, they took WR/PR O... McDuffie of Penn State. They did get a running back in the third round in

Terry Kirby of Virginia, a power runner and good receiver who once was considered a first-round prospect. But after that, there was not much help, and little attention was paid to finding an offensive lineman or a linebacker.

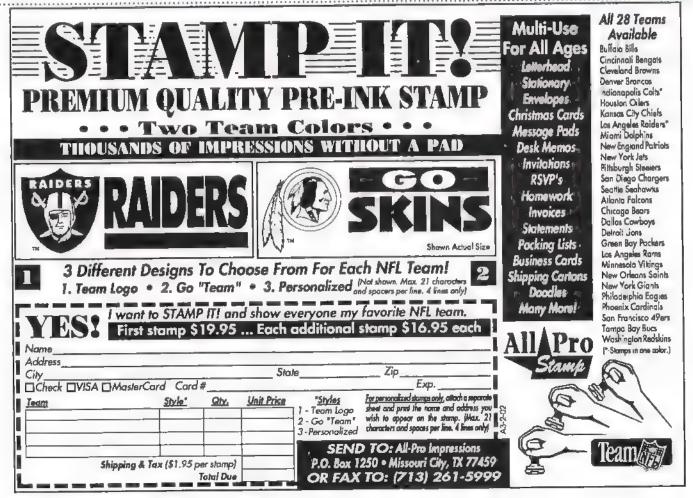
#### MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Fairly good. There were many needs, especially at defensive back and offensive line, and for speed everywhere. Speed they got The day before the draft, RB Robert Smith of continued.

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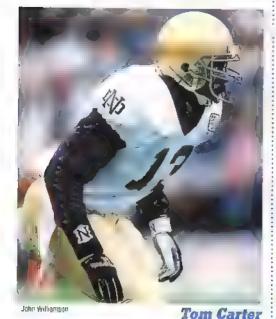


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#### ORIGINAL GARD

Ohio State (first round) ran a leg of 400 meters in 45.9 seconds in the Penn Relays. He also has size and intelligence, but he may be moved to receiver rather than back up Terry Allen, who rushed for 1,201 yards last year WR/PR Qadry Ismail of Syracuse is a younger and bigger version of his brother, Raghib the Notre Dame Rocket who played in Canada QB Gino Torretta of Miami (seventh round).



the Heisman Trophy winner, became the 192nd pick of the draft. Four quarterbacks and even two kickers and two punters—were

#### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

taken before him

A great job by Bill Parcells, the new coach/GM/draft honcho. The Patriots resisted all bids for the first pick of the draft and took QB Drew Bledsoe of Washington State, who topped the boards of most teams Bledsoe is 6-5, his arm is a gun, and he has played in a pro-type offense. Parcells insists Bledsoe will not play until he is ready, but the Patriots won only one game last year and may not win many with Scott Zolak or Tommy Hodson or free-agent aquisition Scott Secules at quarter-back With the first of their three second-round picks, they took DE/OLB Chris Slade of Virginia, an excellent though I ght pass rusher

#### **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**

Good, if you are satisfied with Wade Wilson at quarterback. Before the draft, the Saints signed Wilson, who had been the Atlanta Falcons' backup, and the Falcons signed Bobby Hebert, the Saints' erstwhile starter, whose salary demands had become too rich for the Saints. The surprising draft-day trade of OLB Pat Swilling to the Detroit Lions gave the Saints a first-round choice they used for OT Willie Roaf of Louisiana Tech, who has 4.82 speed. Then the Saints traded up for a first-round pick that got them the polished and ntense Irv Smith of Notre Dame, the best tight end in the draft. LB Reggie Freeman of Florida State (second round) is fast but only 6-1½

#### **NEW YORK GLANTS**

May turn out good. Before the draft, they got the wide-receiver speed they wanted by signing free agents Mike Sherrard and Mark Jackson They used their first-round pick in the 1992 supplemental draft for QB Dave Brown. of Duke and he would probably have been : gone by the time they picked this year. So the draft priorities became pass-rushing defensive ends and Inebackers, in the second round, they grabbed DE Mike Strahan of Texas Southern, who made 19 sacks last year for the Division I-AA team, OLB Marcus Suckley of Texas A&M (third round), ILB Tommy Thigpen of North Carolina (fifth round) and OLB Lessie Armstead of Miami (eighth round) are all undersized but quick pass rushers

#### NEW YORK JETS

Great job. Before the draft, they helped their defense by signing such free agents as S Ronnie Lott, CB Eric Thomas, and DE Leonard Marshali and helped the offense by trading for

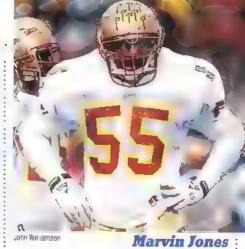


Messerschmidt Dana Stubblefield

QB Boomer Es ason. In the draft, they wanted a running back because Blair Thomas has not lived up to his promise and Freeman McNei was retiring. By moving down one pick in the first round, they got a potential feature running back in Johnny Johnson and were still able to select MLB Marvin Johnson Florida State a hitter with range who should help immediately. DE Coleman Rudolph of Georgia Tech (second round) will improve the pass rush Sleeper. RB Adnan Murrell of West Virginia (fifth round)

#### PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

A bad draft at a bad time because DE Reggie White, the best defender, escaped via free agency and DE Clyde Simmons, OLB Seth Joyner, and MLB Byron Evans are likely to fo low next year. Pre-draft free-agent signings of OLB Tim Harns and DB Erik McMillan helped but the Eagles still wanted defense in the draft and eyed DE Dan Williams to replace White Instead, the Denver Broncos traded up two positions ahead of the Eagles and took



Will ams. Then the Eagles wanted S Patrick Bates, but the Los Angeles Raiders took him on the pick before theirs. Next they wanted OT Ernest Dye, and the Phoenix Cardinals traded up ahead of them and took him. Finally, with their two first-round picks, the Eagles got OG Lester Holmes of Jackson State and DT Leonard Renfro of Colorado. Both will help

#### PHOINIX CARDINALS

A sick job. Free agency before the draft brought QB Steve Beuerlein—perhaps a better starting cand-date than the often burt Timm Rosenbach—WR Gary Clark, and S Chuck Cecil RB Garrison Hearst of Georgia was a first-round gem assuming his eft knee is sound. Coach Joe Bugel anointed him as an instant starter saying, "Now we can throw the ball 48 times to Gary Clark and give lit to this guy 48 times and well be all right." A first-round trade-up brought South Carolina OT Ernest Dye (330 pounds) and the second round brought Wake Forest OT Ben Coleman (314) Both are immensely skilled. Bargain: DE Chad Brown, Mississipp (eighth round)

#### PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Fair. Before the draft, they repeiled the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' bid for QB Neil O'Donnell and they replaced one free-agent linebacker (Hardy Nickerson) with another (Kevin Greene). CB/PR Deon Figures of Colorado was a decent first-round pick, although more pressing needs might have been addressed with better players OLB Chad Brown of Colorado, although a little small, can rush the passer WR Andre Hastings of Georgia (third round) is polished and not a biazer, but ne will help. QB Alex Van Pelt of Pittsburgh (eighth round) is a hometown hero who could help in time, but for the Steelers this draft may take time to develop players who can contribute

#### SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Fair Free agency before the draft stripped them of RB Rod Bernstine, OG Dave Richards, LB Henry Rolling, and CB Tony Blaylock—a hearthy collection OG Joe Milinichix and LB Jerrol Williams were signed, but a passing game was needed to complement a decent running game. The draft provided no instant passing gratification CB Darnen Gordon of Stanford (first round) moved up fast in the draft rankings, but the Chargers wanted Tom Carter and watched him go five picks ahead of theirs. Then they traded their 1994 first-round choice for the 12th pick of the sec-

ond round of this draft and chose RB Natrone. Means of North Carolina (5-10, 255), whom they had rated a first-round value. He's tough but can he handle the weight?

#### **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**

Disappointing after all the quarterback turmonithat ended with use Montana's trade to the Kansas City Chiefs. An aging and aching defense needed help especially with the free-agency losses of DE Pierce Holt and OLB Tim Harris. The signing of free-agent S.T.m. McDonald helped. But in the first round of the draft, the 49ers could not get the player they wanted, DE/DT John Cope and, and traded down twice. Finally, with the 26th and 27th picks of the first round they added DEs Dana Stubblefield of Kansas (6-2, 288) and Todd Kelly of Tennessee (6-3, 260). CB Adrian Hardy of Northwest Louis and will help with coverage, but holes remain.

#### SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

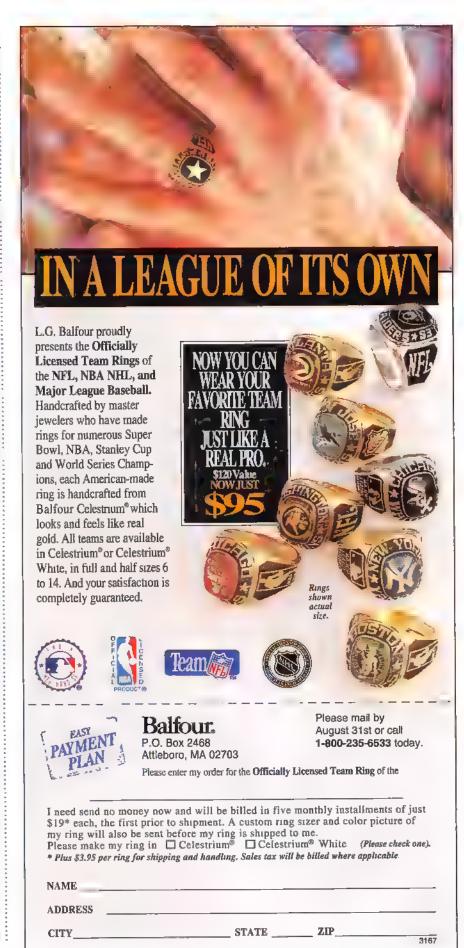
Good because of the first two choices. The offense got help from the pre-draft free-agent signings of TE Ferrel Edmunds and WR/PR Kelvin Martin, but it needed help everywhere especially at quarterback, where Dan McGwire had not shown enough to be a long-term starter. They desperately wanted homegrown QB Drew Biedsoe of Washington State and when the New England Patriots made him the first choice overall the Seahawks, with the second choice settled for QB Rick Mirer of Notre Dame. Mirer is a smart, fiery leader and may play quickly CB Carlton Gray of UCLA (second round) is savvy and should have been picked earlier.

#### TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

A sound draft with many players likely to make good pros. Pre-draft free agency prought LB Hardy Nickerson, S Barney Bussey, and CB Martin Mayhew, but OB Vinny Testaverde escaped and 39-year-old Steve DeBerg became, at least for the time, the quarterback by default. DE Eric Curry of Alabama was a solid. first-round choice, a fast pass rusher and hard player Keith McCants, the Bucs' defensive end and Curry's one-time Alabama teammate was happy to have Curry because that meant McCants could return to outside linebacker LB Demetrius DuBose of Notre Dame (second round) s tough and fast Lamar Thomas (third round) and Horace Copeland (fourth round) both wide receivers from Miami, will help

#### WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Fair, maybe good because it was efficient They wanted OLB Wayne Simmons, but he was gone. They wanted a cornerback because one starter Darrer Green is 33 and the other Martin Mayhew, left during free agency. On the first round, they got the best cornerback in the draft. Tom Carter of Notre Dame. He covers well and may start immediately. They wanted another running back for their one-back offense and got a beauty in the second round in Reggie Brooks of Notre Dame (57, 209). They wanted help on the defensive line and could get it from DE Stering Palmer of Florida State (fourth round). He can rush the passer and should have gone higher.



## The Top 94 Pro Prospects

#### Watch for these collegians in the NFL next year

#### by JIM CARLEY

Quarterbacks loaded with pro potential appear to be scarce, but 1994 may be a bonanza year for wide receivers and defensive ends, according to scouts and personnel people around the NFL. That s, of course, only the early picture. Plenty can happen before next April's draft, so few NFL scouts want to go on the record with their comments or their picks this far in advance. But we'll take a stab. at predicting who tomorrow's draft headliners will be with a mock first-round projection that includes three wide receivers among the first five picks. It also includes three defensive ends among the top nine and a total of nine senior defensive linemen whom the pros are already eyeing

It definitely should be the year of the wide receiver in college football, and Syracuse's Shelby Hill could end up as the top prize in next year's draft. He has the whole package as far as the scouts are concerned. He runs a consistent 4.4 in the 40-yard dash and is big and strong enough to make catches in traffic Last season, Hill caught 29 passes for 480 yards while playing in the shadow of teammate Qadry Ismail, the brother of Raghib (Rocket) Ismail and the second-round pick of the Minnesota Vikings. Many scouts say Hill, who s the same size (6-0, 194) as Ismail.

1994 Mock First Round Draft

1. \*Marshall Faulk, RB, San Diego St

2 Shelby Hill, WR, Syracuse

Derrick Alexander, WR, Michigan

John Thierry, DE, Alcorn St Terry Smith, WR, Clemson

Bernard Williams, OT, Georgia Willie McGinest, DE, Southern Cal

Antonio Langham, CB, Alabama

Rusty Medeans, DE, Miami

Aaron Taylor, OG, Notre Dame

Aaron Glenn, CB, Texas A&M

Trev Alberts, LB, Nebraska

Bryant Young, DT, Notre Dame

14 Errict Rhett RB Florida

Mike Welfs, DT, Iowa

16 Brentson Buckner, DT, Clemson

Winfred Tubbs, LB, Texas

18. Willie Jackson, WR, Florida

19 Mike Bedosky, OG, Missouri

20. Chris Maumalanga, DT, Kansas

\*Calvin Jones, RB, Nebraska

22 Lou Benfatti, DT, Penn St

Stacy Seegars, OG, Clemson

24 Ryan McCoy, LB, Houston

25 Tyronne Drakeford, CB, Virginia Tech

26. Kelvin Knight, FS, Mississippi St

27. Aubrey Beavers, LB, Oklahoma 28. Darren Krein, DE, Miami

#### Other Potential First-Rounders

Frank Adams, CB, South Carolina Trumane Bell, WR, Nebraska \*Tony Boselli, OT, Southern Cal Darrell Clapp, OT, Houston Eric England, C. Texas A&M Henry Ford, DT. Arkansas Harrison Houston, WR Florida Juan Long, LB, Mississippi St. Craig Novitsky, OT, UCLA \*David Palmer, WR, Alabama \*Heath Shuler, QB, Tennessee Paul White, CB, Miami Ron Woolfork, LB, Colorado

Other High-Round Possibilities

Jason Atkinson, LB, Texas A&M Rodney Blunt, RB, Clemson Dwayne Chandler, TE, Kansas Bert Emanuel, QB Rice Jay Fiedler, QB, Dartmouth Wayne Gandy, OT, Auburn Enc Gant, FB, Grambling Marvin Graves QB, Syracuse James Gregory, DT, Alabama Bernardo Harris, LB, North Carolina \*Jimmy Klingler, QB, Houston Kevin Lee, WR, Alabama Anthony McClanahan, LB, Washington St. Kevin Mitchell, DT. Syracuse Marty Moore, LB, Kentucky Kevin Patrick, DE, Miami Shorte Peoples, SS, Michigan John Reece, CB, Nebraska

Orlando Watters, CB, Arkansas

round performer and I'm sure they'il feature him more this year." One player who probably won't be featured

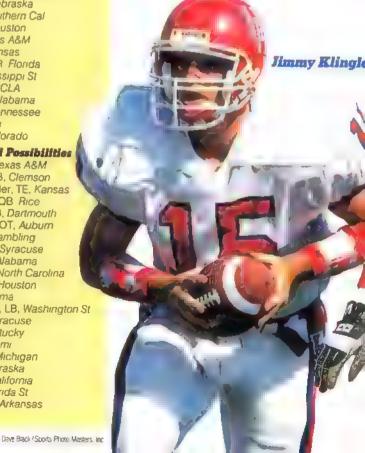
him as much because Ismail was the senior," one scout said. "He's just an outstanding all-

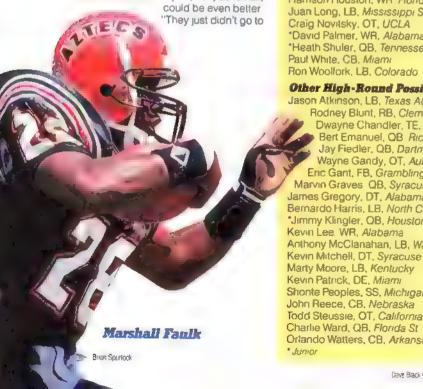
in his offense is Clemson's Terry Smith (6-1. 200), who's locked in a run-oriented system Because of that, he caught only 38 passes for 596 yards and three touchdowns last season After his sophomore season, in which he had 52 catches for 829 yards and six TDs, some oro personnel people were saying that Smith could be a first-round pick, and he has done nothing but continue to improve his stock Some claim he's the strongest wideout in school history, with a 300-pound power-clean mark and the best vertical jump (39 nches) by a player at his position ever at Clemson, Smith is a 4.4 runner who "can't miss in the pros, one scout said. "He has the size, speed, and strength to be an ideal NFL wide receiver

Michigan's Derrick Alexander and Florida's Willie Jackson are two more wide receivers the pros covet. Last year, Alexander caught 50 passes, 11 of them for touchdowns, and ran up 740 yards. 'He's a big-play man with soft hands," one scout said Jackson is a similar player who caught 62 passes for 772 yards

and eight touchdowns last season

Among defensive ends, one player you won't see or hear much about is John Thierry That's only because Thierry plays at tiny Alcom State and won't be on national television during the season. But Thierry is "potentially one of the top linebacker/defensive ends in the country," according to one NFC scout.





Thierry is 6-5, 247 and runs a 4-48—receiver-type speed. "He hits like a freight train and runs like the bullet train," one scout said. The former tight end is so fast, he runs on all the relays on the Alcorn State track team and also is a 23-foot long jumper. In addition, he is considered very coachable and smart—he's a pre-med major who's interested in eventually going into medical research. "He needs to mature a little still," one scout admitted, "but he came on strong last year. He has all the tools, and the best thing about him is he can still improve."

A pair of other defensive ends who could go high are Southern Cal's Willie McGinest and Miami's Rusty Medearis. McGinest had 16 sacks last year and a total of 23 tackles for osses. His new coach, John Robinson, says the 6-6, 240-pounder "is one of the dominant players in the country. We'll feature him."

The only question with Medeans is a knee that required surgery last September Because he missed most of the year, he has received an extra hardship season and might not come out for this draft. Medeans sat out spring practice rehabbing the knee, but if he returns to full speed, it's unlikely he would isk reinjuring it by staying another year.

Medeans's injury allowed both Darren Krein and Kevin Patrick to hog all the playing time last year, and both emerged as pro candidates themselves. It's safe to say the Hurricanes will have the best triumvirate of defensive ends in the country this season. All could god up being drafted high.

Heath Shuler, if he chooses to come out early Though he wasn't being written up in their reports. Shuler couldn't be missed by scouts last season when he was a sophomore and threw for 1,712 yards and 10 touchdowns with just four interceptions. Shuler is big (6-3, 212) and has a cannon for an arm. "He could throw a strawberry through the side of a battleship, one AFC scout said. "If he decides to come out, he will be a very high pick."

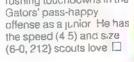
Another junior who might opt to come out is Houston's Jimmy Klingler, the brother of David, a former Cougar and the Cincinnati Bengals' first-round pick in 1992. Jimmy Klingler directed John Jenkins's run-and-shoot and led the nation with 3,818 yards passing and 32 TDs. Though he might not have the same stats in another offense, Klinger is a bona fide pro prospect. "He's not as good an all-round athlete as David was because he doesn't scramble as well," one scout said "But his arm is almost identical. He looks exactly like

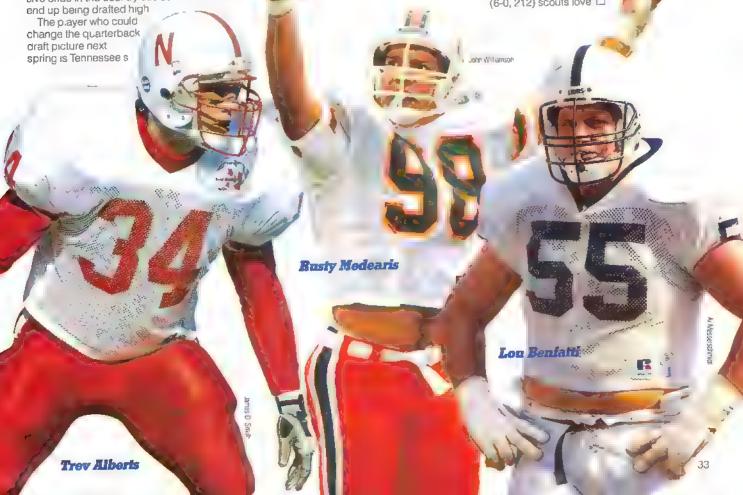
his brother when he's throwing
Predicting that juniors will
come out for the draft is risky
business. But if any junior is
most likely to succeed at doing
just that it would have to be
Marshall Faulk, San Diego
State's marvelous running back.
Faulk surprised lots of observers,
even some close to him, when

he opted to stay in school this season. After rushing for 163 yards a game and finishing second in the Heisman race, many thought he would bolt for the pros after his sophomore season. He already is only the second back in NCAA history to go over 3,000 yards in his first two seasons (Herschel Walker did it in 1980-81) and only the fifth in history to win back-toback NCAA rushing titles. Faulk's mother reportedly convinced him to return for his junior year. But if he has another big rushing season and wins the Heisman, it seems unlikely that even his mother would want him to stay in college and risk a career-ending injury. "He's such a big-time player," one AFC scout said "He could play for a lot of teams right now. He reminds me a little of Barry Sanders."

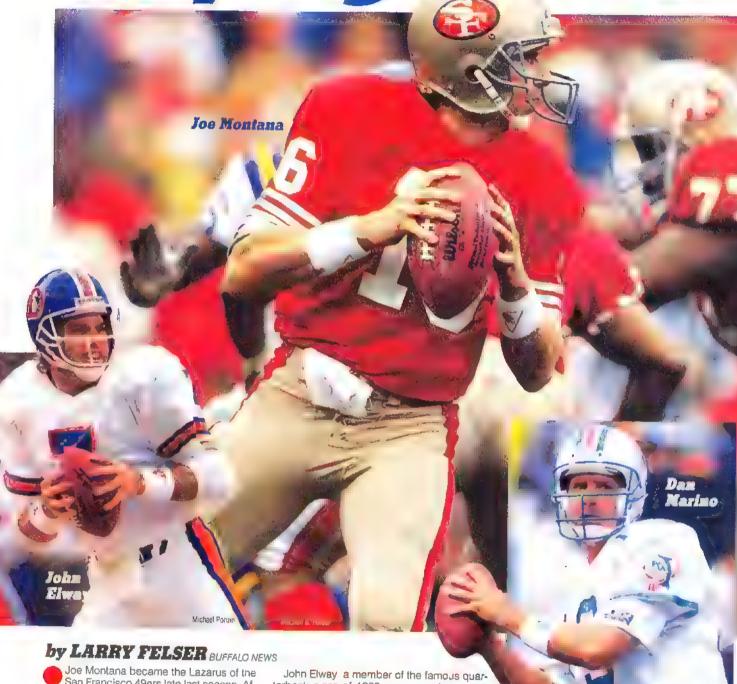
Another talented junior running back is Nebraska's Caivin Jones. He split time last season with Derek Brown, who came out early for the 1993 draft and was taken by the New Orleans Saints in the fourth round. Scouts say Jones, who led the Big Eight in rushing with 1,210 yards and 14 touchdowns (just ahead of Brown's 1,011 and 4 TDs) is better. In the rich history of Husker running backs, Jones is the only one to accumulate 2,000 yards by the end of his sophomore year.

One who won't have to leave early is Flonda's Errict Rhett, who had 903 yards and nine rushing touchdowns in the





# Staying Power



Joe Montana became the Lazarus of the San Francisco 49ers late last season. After two years of inactivity due to a series of injuries which were expected to end his career, he politicked for a last opportunity. He got his chance in the final Monday night game of the season and picked apart the Detroit Lions defense as he once did in his prime. The next day, Montana, 37, made it clear he is ready for more football as a starting quarterback. The Kansas City Chiefs believe. They obtained him prior to the draft in April.

John Elway a member of the famous quarterback class of 1983, was awarded a new four-year \$20 million contract by Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen even fired coach Dan Reeves, a sometimes antagonist of Elway's A new offense, including a restructured line, was installed to Elway's specifications

Phil Simms, shoved firmly toward retirement in New York during the stormy Ray Handley coaching period was reinstalled as the starter by Reeves, the new Grants' coach. Simms will turn 38 midway through this season.

Jim McMahon, his 33-year-old body battered and frequently in disrepair, was signed as a free agent by Minnesota, his fourth team in the last six years. He was immediately installed as the starter on a team whose ambitions were handicapped by the lack of an adequate quarterback last year. "We'll be satisfied if he can start 11 games," admitted Vikings coach Dennis Green

Jeff Hostetler, a 10-year-veteran shunted aside when Reeves announced Simms would be his starter with the Giants, signed with the Raiders as a free agent. But just to widen his security blanket, Al Davis re-signed 38-year-oid Vince Evans, who stunned the Washington Redskins in the final game of the season after

he was given a surprise start.

The New York Jets traded for 32-year-old Boomer Esiason, despite his three-year slump in Cincinnati. The Bengals benched him all last season, but the Jets seem willing to detour from their commitment to Browning Nagle

terback. The most interesting collegian is Georgia's Eric Zeier, who is only a jurior. Tennessee's Heath Shuler, another jurior, and Corey Pullig of Texas A&M, who was a super freshman last year, won't even be considered by the pros until they are much nearer entering the draft. Right now, there isn't much else in the future quarterback pool

"A college coach's job is to win games, not develop quarterbacks for us," said John Butler, the Buffalo Bills' new general manager "There are a number of schools using offensive systems where the quarterback has to be on the move, so the coaches play someone with the best athletic ability at the position."

Butler's words can be confirmed by anyone watching TV on Saturday afternoons or evenings in the fall Observe Alabama, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, and a lot of other schools and you will see that their quarter-backs inevitably are players who do everything well but whose passing may be little



# The careers of NFL quarterbacks are lasting longer than they once did, partly because there are so few exceptional young replacements.

after his disappointing first year as their startng quarterback

In Buffalo, Jim Kelly turned 33 two weeks after quarterbacking his third consecutive Super Bowl loser, but owner Ralph Wilson said he was willing to pay Kelly on a level with Elway if it would keep him with the Bills for the foreseeable future

What's happening here? Is the NFL becoming a jock version of the AARP? Have the aging quarterbacks been turned on to some mir-

acle elixir that preserves youth?

Nothing that mysterious. The fact is that the colleges have stopped producing impact quarterbacks for the pros. The only slambang quarterback to come out of college in the last five years is Troy Aikman, who went from UCLA to a bruising apprenticeship program with Dallas but always bore the look of someone who would eventually win a Super Bowl, as he did last season. The only other young NFL quarterbacks even remotely in Aikman's class are Jeff George of indianapolis and Brett Favre of Green Bay. The future sn't heartening either. The most exciting quarterbacks in the 1993 class of rookies. Drew Bledsoe of Washington State and Rick Mirer of Notre Dame, were admired by the pro scouts, but they also were seen as developmental projects, rubies in the rough who may take several years to polish

Beyond 1993, the best senior prospect coming into this college season is Glenn Foley of Boston College, whose arm strength is doubted by a number of scouts. Steve Stenstrom of Stanford may or may not be a stronger prospect after another year of tutoring by Bill Waish. Right now Charlie Ward of Florida State is seen as a great athlete playing quar-

more than adequate Syracuse is in the midst of one of its greatest lootball eras, winning bowl game after bowl game. The Orange quarterback, Marvin Graves, is among the best in the nation, as was one of his predecessors, Don McPherson. But the only Syracuse quarterback of recent years who had any sort of a pro career is Todd Philcox, who is far from the athlete McPherson or Graves is but who is a better passer.

Scouting quarterbacks is a difficult proposition in the first place. It becomes doubly difficult when a scout visits certain schools and has to ask himself "Is it the player, or is it the system." Those schools are the ones which play a traditional passing game and have succeeded with all manner of quarterbacks, from mediocre to great. They include Brigham Young, San Diego State, Illinois, Houston, Califomia, Maryland, Stanford, Washington State. Florida State, Virginia, and Maryland Gino Torretta, who won the Heisman Trophy last season, is a case in point. The Hurncanes have a history of turning out great quarterbacks (Bernie Kosar, Kelly, Vinny Testaverde, and Steve Walsh). Torretta led Miami to the brink of a national championship last season. but the pros were unimpressed with his arm.

Before Bill Walsh took the coaching job at Stanford, he was a commentator on NBC's telecasts of Notre Dame games. He was effusive in his praise of Mirer, predicting a successful pro future for him. The NFL scouts, whose appraisals are the basis for their bosses spending or not spending millions of dollars, were more conservative. "I saw Mirer three times last season," said one top scout, "and he was a different passer in each game One game he would deliver the ball from

around his ear. In the next he began the delivery from his waist. In the third he started from his chest. He needs an awful lot of work on his mechanics."

Another reputable scout suggested that 'Lou Holtz's offense was all wrong for Mirer He's a good athlete and he made the offense work, but he should have gone some place where they would have used him as a pocket passer He didn't seem to learn much at Notre Dame. From his personal standpoint, he probably should have come into the draft after his junior year."

Bledsoe is the most exciting raw talent since Aikman came out of JCLA, but some of his maneuvers in the passing pocket horrify the pros. "He's all over the place with his passing technique," said one scout who saw him often. "His footwork isn't good either But he's a great talent and it's just a matter of how long it will take him to put it together."

Relatively speaking, that is a scant number of potential star quarterbacks for a 28-team professional league, almost half of whose

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members are starving for a quarterback of the future-to say nothing of the present. Minnesota is a playoff team which has to settle for a patched-up McMahon to lead it. New Orleans, frustrated by Bobby Hebert's failures in the playoffs, dropped the veteran quarterback and invested its winning team in the hands of 34-year-old Wade Wilson, who bounced from Minnesota to Atlanta in backup roles a year ago. Detroit, a season removed from the championship of the NFC Central is still tinkering with a quarterback hybrid of Andre Ware, Erik Kramer, and Rodney Peete

Pittsburgh, which won the AFC Central last year uses an offense which requires a decent quarterback but not a superstar. Nevertheless, the Steelers were forced to pay Neil O'Donnell more than 10 times what he made a year ago in order to match the offer sheet he signed with Tampa Bay, another team desperate for a quarterback. The Bucs landed in a deeper muddle when they were unsuccessful in signing O Donnell, too late in trading for Esiason, and then watched their incumbent starter, Testaverde, sign with Cleveland to become a caddy for Kosar

Kansas City, having swung the big deal for Montana, now believes it has the potential to win the AFC. The Chiefs certainly are experienced at quarterback, with journeyman Dave Krieg (35 in October) demoted to backup

San Diego was considered something of a wonder team last season when it came from last place to win the AFC West, but it wasn't

done with a wonder quarterback Stan-Humphries, whom the Chargers acquired in a trade with Washington just before the season. began, is in the "you can win with him" category, faint praise for quarterbacks who aren't likely to get their defensive, ball-control teams into too much trouble

Seattle may be the most frustrated of all quarterback-poor teams. The Seahawks finished 2-14 in 1992, but they lost three straight early-season games to New England, Miami and San Diego and another three straight lateseason games to Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Denver which they might have won with reasonable quarterbacking It isn't that the Seahawks haven't tried. In 1988 they traded three draft choices, including a first-rounder, to Phoenix for the rights to Kelly Stouffer, a major flop who was released last spring in 1991 the Seahawks used their first-round choice on quarterback Dan McGwire, who suffered a hip injury that wiped out his season a year ago and put the team back in the quarterback market during the last draft, in which they took Mirer in the first round

It's difficult enough for the pros to identify college quarterbacks who might become pro stars even when they remain healthy. Montana, whom many football people consider the greatest quarterback in NFL history, was a third-round pick, the 82d player taken in the 1978 draft. Dan Fouts of San Diego, inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this summer was another third rounder. Mark Rypien, who quarterbacked the Washington Redskins to victory in Super Bowl XXVI, was drafted in the sixth round Warren Moon of Houston and Kneg weren't drafted at all

In the famed draft of '83, there were six quarterbacks taken in the first round. They were, in draft order John Elway Todd Blackledge, Tony Eason, Jim Kelly, Ken O'Bnen and Dan Marino So far, Elway and Kelly have

each quarterbacked three Super Bowl teams, Marino and Eason one. But Blackledge was a failure in the pros and quickly drifted out of the NFL. Eason had his one, relatively brief success and then he, too, faded from the league O'Brien, traded in April to Green Bay, was never much more than a journeyman, In truth. the class of '83 batted 500. It may not sound ike much, but it's far better than the average produced by the college classes of the last 10 years. That's why little-known college quarterbacks such as Stoney Case of New Mexico. Steve McNair of Alcorn State, and Michael Anderson of East Carolina will be scouted checked and crosschecked by the pro-talent appraisers long before they leave school With NFL rosters expanded to 53 players, it will be the rare team that does not have a developmental guarterback on its roster

The pros would prefer that young quarterbacks be developed before they get to the NFL. The struggles of such promising quarterbacks as Tommy Maddox of Denver and Todd Marinovich of the Raiders, who left UCLA and USC respectively, with two years of eligibility remaining, have left most NFL coaches with a preference for the finished product. The only finishing school besides college football is the dormant World League, but if it resurfaces again at all it probably won't happen before the spring of 1995 - and then only in Europe. The pros' best alternative to the quarterback drought may be increased longevity for its established stars. Montana's desire to extend his career to 15 years or beyond may become rout ne in the future

I think we're going to see the most successful quarterbacks play until they re 40, or after," said Butter "There's no reason why they can't if they take care and keep themselves in good condition. They certainly have the incentive, considering all the money that's out there now



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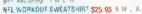
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ing Canton in 1922-23 and New York in 1927,

Among his achievements were two league

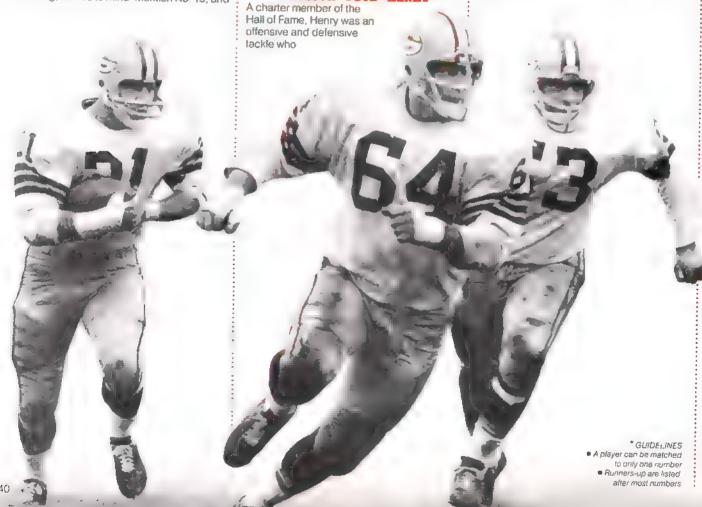
records, a 50-yard drop-kick field goal in 1922

Among the NFL's career leaders in passing with a 57.8 completion percentage for 30,200 vards and 175 touchdowns in nine seasons with the Oilers, Moon was the AFC Offensive Player of the Year in 1990 when he passed for 4,689 yards and 33 touchdowns

Runners-up. Jimmy Conzelman & Paddy Driscoll, Cardinals, Curly Lambeau, Packers

#### **2 CHARLEY TRIPPI**

One of the most versatile players of the 1940s and '50s, Trippi tripled as a halfback, quarterback, and punter for nine seasons with the Cardinals. He rushed for 3,506 yards (5.1 average) and scored 23 touchdowns, completplayed eight seasons for the Canton Bulldogs, New York Grants, and Pottsville Maroons A dominant force on both sides of the ball, he starred on three championship teams, includ-



ed 47.2 percent of his passes for 2,547 yards and 16 TDs, and averaged 40,4 yards per punt. As a rookie, he gained 206 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead the Cardinals over the Eagles in the 1947 NFL champonship game.

Runner-up. Walt Kiesung, Steelers

#### **3 BRONKO NAGURSKI**

The versatile and talented Nagurski led the Bears to three NFL championships in nine seasons, gaining 2,708 yards and scoring 18 TDs. He threw a pair of touchdown passes in the 1933 NFL title game and ran for a touchdown in the '43 championship.

Runners-up Tony Canadeo, Packers; Daryle Lamonica, Raiders; Jan Stenerud Chiefs

#### A EROUS SEVERS

A charter member of the Hall of Fame, Nevers was virtually an indestructible player in his five seasons with the Dututh Eskimos and Chicago Cardinals. As a rookie with Duluth, the versatite full-back played in an incredible 29 games—including 28 on the road—leading the Eskimos to a 19-7-3 record. He scored all 59 of the Cardinals points—including a record 40 against the Bears—in back-to-back victories in 1929, He also played defense, kicked, relurned kicks, and coached

Runner-up: Tuffy Leemans, Grants

#### **5 PAUL HORNUNG**

Hornung rushed for 3 711 yards and scored 50 touchdowns and 760 points in nine seasons with the Packers. The 1956 Heisman Trophy winner spill time at quarterback and halfback before setting in at halfback. He also was a kicker, led the NFL in scoring three straight seasons (1959-61) was the MVP twice (1960-61), and holds the league single-season scoring record (176 points)

Runner-up: George McAlee, Bears

#### **6 RAY FLAHERTY**

Flaherty played nine seasons as an end with the Los Angeles Wildcats. New York Yankees and New York Grants. A member of the Hall of Fame as a coach, he compiled an 82-41-2 record, winning NFL championships with the Redskins in 1937 and '42 and guiding his teams to six Eastern Division titles in 11 years. Fraherty is given credit for creating the screen pass to keep defenders away from rook'e quarterback Sammy Baugh in 1937.

#### **7 BOB WATERFIELD**

Waterfield who passed for 11,849 yards and 98 touchdowns in eight seasons with the Rams, was named the NFL MVP as a rockie in 1945 when he led the league in touchdown passes and guided the Rams to the championship. He repeated as the league leader in TD passes in 1946 and was the NFL s overall passing leader in 1946 and '51.

Runners-up: Dutch Clark, Lions; Boomer Esiason, Jets; John Elway, Broncos; George Halas Bears, Mel Hein, Giants, Ace Parker, Dodgers- Joe Theismann, Redskins

#### **8 LARRY WILSON**

The hard-hitting Wilson was a fixture in the Cardinals' secondary for 13 seasons. He intercepted 52 passes and scored five touchdowns during his career. When was perhaps best known for his unique safety blitzes. A marriber of the 50-year, all-time NFL team.

Runners-up. Ray Guy, Raiders; Archie Manning, Saints

#### 9 SONNY JURGENSEN

One of the premier quarterbacks in pro football history, Jurgensen ranks in the top 10 all-time in passing efficiency (82.6 rating), touch-down passes (255), and passing yardage (32.224). The 18-year veteran led the NFL in completions, yards and touchdowns with the Eagles in 1961 and was a three-time league passing champion with the Redskins.

#### 10 FRAN TARKENTON

Although init ally known because of his ability to scramble with the football, Tarkenton went on to become the NFL's career leader in pass attempts, completions, yards passing (47 003), and touchdowns (342) in 18 seasons with the Vikings and Giants, Tarkenton the NFL Player of the Year in 1975, when he passed for 2,994 yards and 25 TDs, ed the Vikings to three Super Bowls.

Runner-up. Steve Bartkowski, Falcons

#### 11 NORM VAN BROCKLIN

Van Brocklin played 12 seasons with the Rams and Eagles, passing for 23.611 yards and 173 touchdowns. He topped the NFL in passing three times (1950, '52 and '54) and set the single-game passing record with 554 yards against the New York Yanks in 1951 Van Brocklin helped the Eagles win the NFL championship in 1960

Runners-up. Joe Guyon, Oorang Indians; Link Lyman, Bears Phil Simms, Giants

#### 12 TERRY BRADSHAW

A two-time Super Bowl MVP
Bradshaw led the Steelers to four
Super Bowl championships in a six-year
span. The AFC Player of the Year in 1978
he played 14 seasons with the Steelers.
In Super Bowl action Bradshaw completed
58.3 percent of his passes for 932 yards and
nine touchdowns. In regular-season games
he completed 51.9 percent for 27 989 yards
and 212 TDs.

Runners-up, John Brodle 49ers, Randall Cunningham, Eagles, Bob Griese, Dolphins Jim Kelly, Bills, Joe Namath, Jets; Roger Staubach, Cowboys; Ken Stabler, Raiders

#### 13 DAN MARINO

The strong-armed Marino ranks among the all-time leaders in passing efficiency (second) touchdown passes (tied with Johnny Unitas for second with 290), and passing yardage (fourth with 39,502) after 10 seasons with the Dolphins. A four-time AFC passing

champion, he led Marn to the Super Bow in 1984, when he was named the AFC Offensive Player of the Year after throwing for 5,084 yards and 48 touchdowns, both NFL records

Runners-up: Frankie Albert, 49ers; Guy Chamberlin, Bulldogs: Don Maynard, Jets, Joe Stydehar & George Trefton, Bears

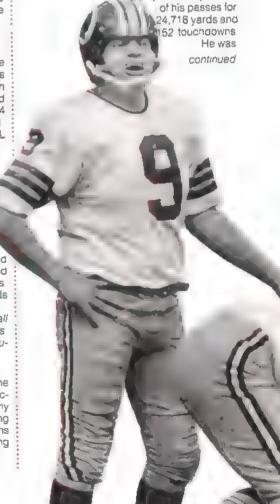
#### **14 DON HUTSON**

He caught 488 passes for 7 991 yards and 99 touchdowns in 11 seasons with the Packers, topped the NFL in receptions eight times in touchdown catches seven times, and in scoring five times. A versatile player Hutson intercepted 24 passes as a defensive back and scored 193 points as a kicker. He is a member of the 50-year, all-lime NFL team.

Runners-up. Ken Anderson, Bengals, Dan Fouts, Chargers; Otto Graham, Browns Eddle LeBaron & Craig Morton, Cowboys; Y A. Tittle, Glacts

#### IS DART SYARD

A two-time Super Bowl MVP, Starr quarterbacked the Packers to back-to-back Super Bowl victories, beating the Chiefs in 1967 and the Raiders in 68. In his 16-year career, he completed 57 percent



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the NFL Player of the Year in 1966, when he passed for 2 257 yards and 14 touchdowns and had just three passes intercepted. He led the NFL in passing three times.

Runners-up. Jack Kemp, Bills Neil Lomax, Cardinals; Steve Van Buren, Eagles

#### **16 JOE MONTANA**

He invariably found a way to win, leading the 49ers to four Super Bowl titles in 13 seasons. The Super Bowl MVP in 1982 '85, and '90, he ranks as the most efficient quarterback in NFL history with a 93.4 rating that includes completing 63.7 percent of his passes for 35,124 yards and 244 touchdowns. Montana was the NFC Offensive Player of the Year in 1989, passing for 3,521 yards and 26 TDs.

Runners-up. George Blanda & Jim Plunkell, Raiders, Len Dawson, Chiefs; Frank Gifford, Giants Ed Healey & George Musso, Bears



#### 17 JIM HART

In 19 seasons, including 18 with the Cardinals. Hart completed 511 percent of his passes for 34,665 yards and 209 TDs. Harlied the Cardinals to 10 victories for three straight seasons and a pair of NFC East titles. He was the 1974 NFC Player of the Year.

Runners-up. Red Badgro, Giants, Harold Carmichael, Eagles, Turk Edwards & Billy Kilmer Redskins, Don Meredith, Cowboys

#### **18 ROMAN GABRIEL**

One of the first big quarterbacks to play in the NFL, the 6-4, 220-pound Gabriel completed 52-6 percent of his passes for 29-444 yards and 201 touchdowns in 16 seasons with the Rams and Eagles. He was the NFL's Player of the Year in 1969, when he led the Rams to an 11-12 record and threw for 25 touchdowns. He ranks 16th in passing yardage and touchdown passes.

Runners-up: Chartie Joiner, Chargers: Tobin Rote, Lions; Emmitt Thomas, Chiefs, Frank Tripucka Broncos Gene Washington, 49ers

#### 19 JOHNNY UNITAS

Considered by many the greatest quarterback of all time, "Johnny U" p ayed 17 seasons with the Colls and one with the Chargers, completing 54.6 percent of his passes for 40.239 yards and 290 TDs. He led the league in touchdown passes for four consecutive seasons, was the NFL Player of the Year three times, and set a record with scoring passes in 47 straight games. He led the Colts to NFL tiles in 1958-59.

Runners-up Lance Alworth, Chargers Bernie Kosar, Browns, Mike Michalske, Packers

#### 20 LEW BARREY

The defensive back was one of the top players in the NFL in the 1970s, intercepting 56 passes and returning seven of them for touchdowns, the second-most in league history Barney who played 11 seasons with the Lions, ranks 10th in career interceptions. In 1967 he had 10 for 232 yards and three TDs

Runners-up Cliff Battles, Redskins, Gino Cappelletti, Patriots, Mike Garrett, Chiefs, Mel Renfro, Cowboys Barry Sanders Lions

#### 21 IIM THORPE

One of the game's legendary performers Thorpe played for seven professional teams from 1915 to 1928. Named to the 50-year all-time NFL team, he led the Canton Buildogs to league championships in 1916, 17, and '19. An outstanding runner and kicker, Thorpe scored 25 touchdowns in helping the Carl'sle Indian School to the national collegiate Little. He won the gold medal in the decath on at the 1912 Olympic Games.

Runners-up. James Brooks, Bengals, Dan Fortmann, Bears, John Hadi Chargers

#### 22 BOBBY LAYNE

Layne played for four teams, passing for 26.768 yards and 196 touchdowns in his 15year career He guided the Lions to NFL championships in 1952-53. In the 1953 title



game against the Browns, he railed the Lions from a 16-10 deficit in the final minute, driving 80 yards for a game-winning 33-yard touchdown pass. He led the NFL in completions, yards, and touchdowns in 1952.

Runners-up. Bob Hayes & Emmitt Smith, Cowboys, Paul Krause, Vikings; Buddy Young, Colts

#### WHITSELL

Among the NFL career leaders in interceptions. Whitself played 14 seasons with the Bears and Saints With the Saints in 1967 the cornerback fied for the league lead with 10 interceptions, returning them for 178 yards and two touchdowns.



#### 24 WILLIE BROWN

Considered one of the top three cornerbacks in the history of pro-football, Brown prayed 16 seasons, including 12 with the Raiders, and had 54 career interceptions, returning two of them for touchdowns. Brown returned an interception 75 yards for a TD in the Raiders' 31-14 Super Bowl XI victory over the Vikings in 1977. Named to the all-time AFL team.

Runners-up. Ottis Anderson, Giants, Jack Christiansen & Byron "Whizzer" White, Lions Lenny Moore, Colts, Willie Wood, Packers

#### 25 FRED BILETNIKOFF

One of the top possession receivers in NFL n story Biletn koff ranks 12th ali time with 589 catches for 8,974 yards and 76 touchdowns He led the AFC in receiving twice in his 14 seasons with the Raiders and was the MVP of Super Bowl XI, catching four passes for 79 yards against the Vikings

Runner up Bruiser Kinard, Dodgers

#### III HERB ADDERLEY

The cornerback had 48 interceptions, 1,046 return yards, and seven TDs in 12 seasons with the Packers and Cowboys. One of the highlights of his career was a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown for the Packers against the Raiders in Super Bowl II. Adderies played in four Super Bowls and twice led the NFL in interception-return yardage.

#### 27 KEN HOUSTON

Considered by some the greatest strong safety in football history. Houston played 14 seasons with the Oilers and Redskins and had 49 interceptions for 898 yards and an NFLrecord nine touchdowns. He led the AFC with nine interceptions for 220 yards and a singleseason-record four touchdowns in 1971.

Runner-up R C Owens, 49ers

#### 28 YALE LARY

The versatile Lary played 11 seasons with the Lions A safety, punter and punt returner, he had 50 career interceptions, returning two for touchdowns, and punted 503 times for a 44.3yard average (No. 3 all-time). A member of three league championship teams

Runners-up: Abner Haynes; Chiefs; Willie Gairmore, Bears

#### 29 ERIC DICKEBROW

The second-leading rusher in football history, Dickerson has 13,168 yards and 90 touchdowns in 10 seasons with the Rams, Colts, and Raiders He had an NPL-record 2,105 yards in 1984, when he was named the NFC Player of the Year for the second of three times.

Runner-up: Harold Jackson, Eagles

#### **30 OLLIE MATSON**

Matson rushed for 5,173 yards and scored 40 touchdowns in 14 seasons with the Cardinals, Rams, Lions, and Eagles. He was a triple threat, catching 222 passes for 3,285 yards and 23 touchdowns and returning a combined 208 kickoffs and punts for 4,341 yards and an NFL-record nine TDs. A gold medalist in the 1952 Olympics, he was traded from the Cardinals to the Rams for nine players.

Runners-up: Dan Reeves Cowboys, Bill Willis, Browns

#### 31 JIM TAYLOR

The fullback rushed for 8,597 yards and 83 touchdowns in 10 seasons, including nine with the Packers. Taylor rushed for 1,000



or more yards in five consecutive seasons (1960-64) leading the NFL with 1,474 yards in 1962 the only time in nine seasons that Jim Brown did not win the rushing litle. He had 85 yards in the Packers' 16-7 victory over the Grants in the 1962 NFL title game.

Runners-up, Donnie Shell, Steelers; William Andrews, Falcons

#### 32 JIM BROWN

The greatest running back in the history of the game, Brown ranks fourth on the all-time rushing list with 12.312 yards. He averaged a record 5.2 yards per carry and scored 126 touchdowns, both NFL records. He led the NFL in rushing eight times in his nine seasons, during which he was named the league's Piayer of the Year four times. His best statistical season was 1963, when he gained 1,863 yards and averaged 6.4 yards per carry.

Runners-up Marcus Allen, Raiders; Al Blozis, Giants Cookie Gilchnst & O.J Simpson Bills Franco Harris, Steelers

#### 33 SAMMY SAVUE

"Slingin" Sammy" completed 56.6 percent of his passes for 21,886 yards and 186 touch-downs in his 16 seasons with the Redskins. He led the NFL in passing six times, including 1947, when he threw for 2,938 yards and 25 TDs, two records that were later broken Baugh is also the NFL's career punting leader (45.1 average). As a defensive back, he led the league with 11 interceptions in 1943.

Runners-up: Roger Craig, 49ers; Tony Dorsett, Cowboys

#### **34 WALTER PAYTON**

The NFL's career rushing leader, Payton gained 16,726 yards, averaged 4.4 per carry, and scored 110 touchdowns in 13 seasons with the Bears. He led the NFC in rushing for five straight seasons (1976-80), with his best year coming in 1977, when he gained 1,842 yards (5.5 per carry) and scored 14 touchdowns. Payton is the all-time leader in all-purpose rushing with 21,803 yards and ranks second with 125 touchdowns.

Runners-up Earl Campbell, Oilers; Joe Perry 49ers

#### 35 JOHN HENRY JOHNSON

The 6-2, 225-pound fullback rushed for 6,803 yards and scored 48 touchdowns in 13 seasons with the 49ers, Lions, Steelers, and Oiters Johnson was the MVP of the Canadian Football League in 1953, his first year in profootball. In his rookie season in the NFL, he gained 681 yards and scored nine touchdowns for the 49ers. With the Steelers, he rushed for more than 1,000 yards twice

Runners-up: Bill Dudley, Steelers; Calvin Hill Cowboys; Pete Prhos, Eagles

#### **36 MARION MOTLEY**

A punishing Hall of Fame fullback, the 6-2 238-pound Motley rushed for 4,720 yards (5.7 per carry) and scored 31 touchdowns in nine seasons, including seven with the Browns. His best season came in 1950, when he led the NFL in rushing with 810 yards and scored three touchdowns. With the Browns in the All-America Football Conference in 1948, he had a league-leading 964 yards (6.1 average)

Runner-up: Mack Lee Hill, Chiefs

#### 37 DOAK WALKER

The Hall of Fame halfback played just six seasons with the Lions, but when he retired, he was the third-leading scorer in the game. He caught 152 passes for 2,539 yards, carried the ball 309 times for 1,520 yards, scored 34 touchdowns, and totaled 534 points. Walker led the NFL in scoring twice.

Runners-up Lester Hayes, Raiders; Jimmy Johnson, 49ers

#### **38 CAL HUBBARD**

The versatile Hubbard played tackle, end, and linebacker for the Giants, Packers, and Pittsburgh Pirates for 10 seasons. A charter member of the Hall of Fame in 1963, he was named as a tackle on the 50-year, all-time NFL team. At 6-5 and 250 pounds, Hubbard was pro football's first great mobile big man, excelling as a blocker on running plays.

Runners-up Arnie Herber, Packers George Rogers, Saints

#### **39 LARRY CSONKA**

The fullback ran for 8,081 yards and scored 64 touchdowns in 11 seasons with the Dolphins and Giants. At his best in the post-

season, the 6-3, 235-pound Csonka rushed for 145 yards and was the MVP in the Dolphins' 24-7 victory over the Vikings in Super Bowl VIII and gained 112 yards in M.ami's 14-7 victory over the Redskins in Super Bowl VII

Runner up Hugh McElhenny, 49ers

#### **40 GALE SAYERS**

One of the most dynamic halfbacks in the history of the game, Sayers rushed for 4,956 yards and scored 39 touchdowns in an injury-shortened seven-year career with the Bears He topped the NFL in rushing twice, gaining 1,231 yards in 1966 and 1,032 in '69. As the league's Rookie of the Year in 1965, Sayers scored 22 touchdowns—including a record-tying six in one game—and led the league in scoring with 132 points.

Runners-up: Tom Brookshier, Eagles; "Crazy Legs" Hirsch, Rams; Wayne Millner, Redskins; Joe Morrison, Giants

#### **41 CLARKE HINKLE**

Hinkle rushed for 3,860 yards and scored 33 touchdowns in his 10-year career with the Packers. The NFL's leading scorer in 1938 the 5-11, 200-pound fullback was one of the hardest-hitting backs in the history of profootball. Some of Hinkle's most memorable games came in the 1930s against fellow Hall of Famer Bronko Nagurski of the Bears.

Runners-up. Brian Piccolo, Bears; Matt Snell, Jets

#### **42 SID LUCKMAN**

Luckman took the Bears to four NFL championships in 12 seasons and passed for 14,683 yards and 137 touchdowns. He was the NFL Player of the Year in 1943, leading the league in passing with 2,194 yards and 28 TDs, Luckman threw a record seven touchdowns in one game, and passed for 276 yards and five touchdowns in the 1943 NFL title contest, a 41-21 victory over the Redskins.

Runners-up: Charlie Conerly, Glants; Ronnie Lott, 49ers; Gerald Riggs, Falcons, Charley Taylor, Redskins, Paul Warfield, Browns



#### **43 LARRY BROWN**

The hard-running Brown led the NFC in rushing twice, with 1 125 yards in 1970 and 1,216 yards in '72. He was the first Redskin to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. Considered by many the top running back in the NFL during the early '70s, he led the Redskins to the conference championship and was named the NFC Player of the Year in 1972.

Runners-up: Cliff Harris & Don Perkins Cowboys, Jim Norton, Oilers

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#### **44 JOHN RIGGINS**

The punishing Riggins rushed for 11,352 yards and scored 104 touchdowns in 14 seasons with the Jets and Redskins Sixth in career rushing and third in touchdowns, he was the MVP of Super Bowl XVII, carrying the ball 38 times for 166 yards in the Redskins' 27-17 victory over Miami. He hid is the single-season record of 24 rushing TDs

Runners-up, Leray Kelly, Browns, Floyd Little, Broncos; Pete Retzlaff, Eagles

#### **45 EMLEN TUNNELL**

A member of the 50-year, all-time NFL team, Tunnell was a defensive back who played 14 seasons with the Giants and Packers the ranks second with 79 interceptions, four of which he returned for touchdowns. He returned punts for a record 2,209 yards and led the league in punt-return yardage for three straight seasons in the 1950s.

Runners-up, Ernie Davis, Browns, Archie Griffin, Bengals

#### **46 TODD CHRISTENSEN**

A running back who was converted to tight end with the Raiders Christensen ed the NFL in receiving twice catching 95 passes for 1.153 yards and eight touchdowns in 1986 and 92 passes for 1.247 yards and 12 Tbs in 63. The 95 receptions are a record for a tight end, and the 95- and 92-catch seasons rank in the top 10 for single-season receptions.

Runners-up, Dan Abramowicz, Saints, Don Fleming, Browns: Chuck Muncie, Chargers

#### **47 MEL BLOUNT**

The cornerback helped the Steelers win four Super Bowl championships in six seasons during his 14-year career. He ranks among the NFL leaders with 57 interceptions, two of which he returned for touchdowns. Blount led the league with 11 interceptions for 121 yards in 1975. The Steelers' all-time leader in interceptions, he was the NFL's Most Valuable Defensive Player in 1975.

Runner-up. Joey Browner, Vikings

#### **48 BEATTIE FEATHERS**

One of the top running backs in the early days of the NFL, Feathers played eight seasons with the Bears, Brooklyn Dodgers, and Packers. A member of the NFL team of the '30s, he set a single-season record in 1934 when he averaged 9 94 yards per carry

#### **49 BOBBY MITCHELL**

One of the most versatile offensive players in the NFL. Mitchell spent 11 seasons with the Browns and Redskins and enjoyed success as both a wide receiver and a halfback. He ranks in the top 10 with 14,078 all-purpose yards and in the top 25 with 521 receptions for 7,954 yards and 65 louchdowns.

Runner-up: Tom Landry, Giants

#### **50 MIKE SINGLETARY**

The heart of the Bears' defense for 13 seasons, Singletary ranks with the best middle Inebackers ever to play the game. The NFL's Defensive Player of the Year in 1985 and '88, Singletary averaged more than 100 tackles per year during the course of his career.

Runners-up: Ken Strong, Grants: Alex Wojciechowicz, Lions

#### **51 DICK BUTKUS**

Considered by many the greatest middle inebacker to play the game. Butkus, who spent his entire nine-year career with the Bears, was known for his intense aggressive play and his ability to pursue the footbal all over the field. A leader by example, he had 22 interceptions and 25 fumble recoveries and was one of the hardest-hitting tacklers ever. A member of the 50-year, all-time NFL team.

#### **52 FRANK GATSKI**

A center for the Browns and Lions, Gatsk played on eight eague championship teams in 12 years, including four each in the AAFC and the NFL. Considered one of the toughest players the sport has seen, Gatski never missed a game in his 20 years of high school, college and pro bal

Runner-up. Mike Webster, Steelers

#### 53 LEN FORD

A Ineman who played 11 seasons with the Los Angeles Dons, Cleveland Browns, and Green Bay Packers, Ford was part of a Cleveland defense that alrowed the fewest points in the league for six seasons Because of his size (6-5 260) and skill, he was considered the prototype for today's defensive ends. Ford doubled as an offensive end in his first two seasons catching 67 passes

#### 54 JIM RINGO

Ringo played 15 seasons with the Packers and Eagles Despite being on the small side for a center (6-2, 230), he started for 182 consecutive games, an NFL record at the time. An excellent blocker, Ringo were No. 51 for most of his career.

Runners-up. Chuck Howley & Randy White, Cowboys Bob Johnson, Bengais



#### **55 TOM FEARS**

He played nine seasons with the Rams and caught 400 passes for 5 397 yards and 38 TOs. He ed the NFL in receiving in his first three years, catching a record 212 passes in 1948 50. A member of the NFL team of the 50s he caught a record 18 passes in a game against the Packers in 1950. Fears wore No 80 for most of his career.

Runners-up, Lee Roy Jordan, Cowboys, Steve Owen, Giants

#### **56 LAWRENCE TAYLOR**

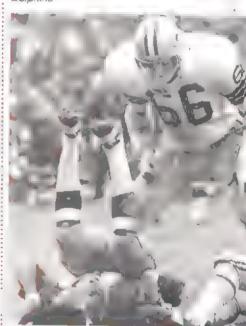
Perhaps the best outside inebacker in the history of the game. Taylor was a Pro Bow selection in his first 10 seasons in the NFL, an unprecedented accomplishment. The all-time league leader in sacks, he was the NFL's most dominant defensive player during the 1980s in his role as a billzing and pass-rushing outside linebacker. He was a unanimous selection to the NFL team of the 80s.

Runners-up Bill Hewitt, Bears; Joe Schmidt, Lions

#### 57 JOHNNY "BLOOD" McNALLY

The Hall of Fame haifback played 15 seasons with the Milwaukee Badgers, Duluth Eskimos, Pottsville Maroons, Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Pirates from 1925-39. A fine alround player, the 6-0, 185-pound McNally was a good runner and an outstanding receiver. A member of four league championship teams with the Packers, he also went by the name Johnny Blood so that he could play pro and college football at the same time.

Runners-up Steve Nelson, Patriots, Jeff Van Note, Falcons; Dwight Stephenson, Dolphins



#### **58 JACK LAMBERT**

Lambert was the middle unebacker for the four-time Super Bowl champion Steelers in the 1970s leading the team in lackles for 10 consecutive seasons. With the ability to stop the run and drop back to cover running backs on pass routes he intercepted 28 passes during his career and was the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1976 and 179.

Runner-up Carl Banks Giants

#### 59 JACK HAM

Ham played linebacker alongside Lambert and helped the Steelers to four Super Bowl titles. He intercepted 32 passes returning one for a touchdown, and recovered 19 fumbles. The NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1975, Ham had a pair of interceptions in the AFC championship game in 1974.

Runner-up Seth Joyner Eagles

#### GO CHOCK BEDNARKE

Bednarik, who played center and linebacker during his 14-year career with the Eagles, made a memorable tackle on Frank Gifford to put the Giants' halfback on the side ines for a season and tackled Jim Taylor just shy of the goal line to help the Eagles beat the Packers in the 1960 NFL title game. He played both ways long after it had become unfashionable and had 20 career interceptions.

Runners-up Tommy Nobis, Falcons Otis Sistrunk, Raiders

#### **61 BILL GEORGE**

An outstanding middle guard and linebacker for 14 years with the Bears, George was instrumental in the creation of the position of middle linebacker

#### **62 JIM LANGER**

After being cut by the Browns in 1970, Langer signed with the Dolphins but didn't become a starter until '72 when he played every down at center during the Dorphins' 17-0 season that included a Super Bowl victory

#### **63 GENE UPSHAW**

upshaw teamed with fellow Hall of Fame tacke Art Shell on the left side of the Raiders line for 14 seasons to help give Oakland one of the most feared offenses in football. At 6-5 and 260 pounds he was perhaps best known as a pulling guard on sweeps. He started all but one game during his 15-year career

Punners-up Jay Hilgenberg, Bears; Ernie Holmes, Steelers, Willie Lanier, Chiefs, Lee Roy Selmon, Bucs; Fuzzy Thurston, Packers

#### **64 JERRY KRAMER**

Best known for his block that enabled the Packers to score the winning touchdown against the Cowboys in the 1967 NFL championship game, Kramer was an outstanding guard during his 11-year career. His blocking set the tone on the power sweep, a Packers' trademark during the 1960s. A member of the 50-year all-time team, he kicked three field goals through a cold wind to help beat the Giants in the 1962 title game Runners-up: Jack Reynolds, Rams, Dave

Wilcox 49ers

#### **65 ELVIN BETHEA**

One of the top linemen in the AFC during the 1970s, Bethea played 16 seasons with the Oilers. The unheralded end, out of North Carolina A&T, teamed with nose guard Curley Culp and Inebacker Robert Brazile to form a superb defensive nucleus in Houston for more than a decade

Runner-up: Les Bingaman, Lions

#### **66 RAY NITSCHKE**

Nitschke was a driving force at middle linebacker during his 15-year career with the Packers An intimidating defender who intercepted 25 passes and returned two of them for touchdowns, he helped the Packers win five NFL titles-and the first two Super Bowls A member of the 50-year, all-time NFL team he was the MVP of the 1962 title game

Runners-up: Larry Little, Dolphins, "Bulldog 'Turner, Bears

#### **67 ART STILL**

A 6-7 255-pound end, Still was a tower of strength for 12 seasons, including 11 on the Kansas City defensive line

Runner-up Bob Kuechenberg, Dolphins

#### **68 L.C. GREENWOOD**

A standout end during the glory years of the Steelers, Greenwood was part of Pittsburgh's vaunted "Steel Curtain" defense during a 13year career that included four Super Bowl championships in a six-year span

Runner-up Russ Grimm, Redskins

#### **69 TIM KRUMRIE**

A key figure on the Bengals' line for 11 seasons, Krumne enjoyed one of his best sea sons in 1988, when he led Cincinnati in tackles and started in the Pro Bowl The fiery



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Krumrie, who was the spiritual leader of the Bengals' defense, broke his leg against the 49ers early in Super Bowl XXIII, which San Francisco won, 20-16.

#### 70 SAM HUFF

A fierce tackler and a dominating performer during his 13-year career with the Giants and Redskins, Huff was one of the first to play the middle-linebacker position. He had 30 career interceptions and was named to the NFL team of the 50s

Runners-up: Art Donovan, Colts; Charlie Krueger, 49ers; Jim Marshall, Vikings; Ernie Stautner, Steelers, Al Wistert, Eagles

#### 71 GEORGE CONNOR

An all-pro at three positions (offensive tackle, defensive tackle, and linebacker), Connor played eight seasons with the Bears and was an imposing player on both sides of the line.

Runner-up Alex Karras, Lions

#### 72 DAN DIERDORF

Dierdorf teamed with Torn Banks and Bob Young to give St. Louis one of the better offensive lines in the NFL during the 1970s Runner-up: Ed Jones, Cowboys.

#### 73 JOHN HANNAH

Among the greatest offensive linemen in NFL history, Hannah played 13 seasons for the New England Patriots. A strong and superb blocker, he was the Offensive Lineman of the Year for four consecutive seasons,

Runners-up: Leo Nomellini, 49ers; Arnie Weinmeister, Giants

#### **74 MERLIN OLSEN**

Olsen spearheaded the Rams' legendary "Fearsome Foursome" defensive line that included Deacon Jones, Rosey Grier, and Lamar Lundy. Along with Jones, he created stunts that added finesse to defense. Olsen was selected to the Pro Bowl 14 consecutive times during his 15-year career and was the NFL Player of the Year in 1974

Runners-up: Bob Lilly, Cowboys; Mike McCormack, Browns; Ron Mix, Chargers

#### **75 DEACON IONES**

Twice the NFL Defensive Player of the Year, Jones was one of the all-time great ends during his 14 seasons with the Rams, Chargers, and Redskins. Best known as a key member of the "Fearsome Foursome" during his 11 seasons with the Rams, Jones came up with the term "sack." Appropriately, he set an unofficial record with 26 sacks in 1967

Runners-up. Joe Greene, Steelers; Forrest Gregg, Packers; Howle Long, Raiders

#### **76 LOU GROZA**

Groza was an offensive tackle and kicker who played 17 seasons for the Browns. Arrong the top 10 all-time NFL scoring leaders (1,349 points), "The Toe" led the league in field goals five times and was the NFL Player of the Year in 1954. His biggest kick was the game-winning field goal in the Browns' 30-28 victory over the Rams in the 1950 title game

Runners-up: Bob Brown, Eagles; Rosey Gner, Rams

#### 77 RED GRANGE

A legendary player in football history, Grange was one of the game's first big stars after joining the Bears in 1925 out of Illinois, where he

was a three-time All-America. His popularity drew crowds of more than 70,000 during his nine seasons with the Bears and the old New York Yankees. The Hall of Fame halfback also played defensive back later in his career

Runners-up: Lyle Alzado, Broncos: Stan Mauldin, Cardinals, Jim Parker, Colts

#### 78 ART SHELL

An offensive tackle for 14 seasons with the Raiders, he teamed with Gene Upshaw on the left side of the line, providing excellent pass protection and run blocking for Oakland's high-powered offense. Shell is currently the head coach of the Raiders.

Runners-up: Bobby Bell, Chiefs; Stan Jones, Bears; Anthony Munoz, Bengals, Bruce Smith, Bills, Bubba Smith, Colts

#### 79 ROOSEVELT BROWN

After All America honors at Morgan State, Brown became a starter with the Giants and one of the finest offensive tackles in the NFL

Runners-up: Jim Hunt, Patriots; Harvey Martin, Cowboys, Bob St. Clair, 49ers

#### **80 JERRY RICE**

Rice was the NFL Player of the Year in 1987 and the Super Bowl MVP in 1989. He led the NFC in receiving in 1986 (86 catches for 1,570 yards and 15 touchdowns) and '90 (100-1,502-13). For his career, Rice has caught 610 passes for 10,273 yards and a league-record 103 touchdowns for the 49ers.

Runners-up: Steve Largent, Seahawks, James Lofton, Packers; Kellen Winslow, Chargers

#### 81 DICK "NIGHT TRAIN" LANE

Lane ranks third in the NFL with 68 interceptions, which he returned for 1,207 yards and five TDs. Considered by some one of the two greatest cornerbacks ever, he played 14 seasons with the Rams, Cardinals, and Lions. A member of the 50-year, all-time NFL team, Lane led the league with the single-season-record 14 interceptions in 1952

Runners-up: Doug Atkins, Bears, Carl Eller, Vikings Roy Green, Cardinals, Art Monk, Redskins

#### **82 RAYMOND BERRY**

One of the game's clutch receivers. Berry caught 631 passes for 9,275 yards and 68 touchdowns in 13 seasons with the Colts and led the NFL in receiving for three straight years. Berry had 12 receptions for 178 yards and a touchdown in the Colts' classic 23-17 overtime victory over the Giants in 1958

Runners-up Ozzie Newsome, Browns; John Stallworth, Steelers

#### 83 TED HENDRICKS

A dominant performer for 15 seasons with the Colts, Packers, and Raiders, the 6-7, 220-pound Hendricks, known as the "Mad Stork" was a strong pass rusher, often pressuring quarterbacks on a blitz. One of the great outside linebackers, he intercepted 26 passes and blocked 25 kicks during his career.

Runners-up. Mark Clayton, Dolphins; John Jefferson, Chargers; George Sauer, Jets

#### ROBUSTELLI

A strong pass rusher in his 14 seasons with the Rams and Giants, Robustelli was an offensive player in college, but as a rookie with the Rams in 1951, he was switched to defense, where his career blossomed

Runners-up Sterling Sharpe, Packers; J.T Smith, Cardinals

#### **85 NICK BUONICONTI**

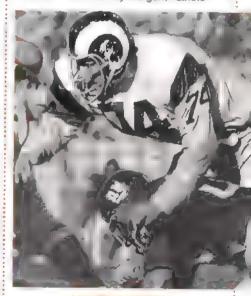
A member of the all-time AFL team and the NFL team of the '70s, Buoniconti was a stand-out middle linebacker for 15 seasons with the Patriots and Dolphins. He played on back-to-back Super Bowl champions with the Dolphins in 1973-74, had an interception against Washington in Super Bowl VII, and forced a fumble against Minnesota in Super Bowl VI.

Runners-up: Max McGee, Packers; Wesley Walker, Jets; Jack Youngblood, Rams

#### **86 BUCK BUCHANAN**

Buchanan was a 6-7, 287-pound tower of strength for the Chiefs. The defensive tackle played in all but one game in his 13-year ca reer, which included a 23-7 victory over the Vikings in Super Bowl IV, a pair of AFL championships, and three AFL West titles

Runners-up Boyd Dowler, Packers: Dante Lavelli, Browns Stanley Morgan, Patriots



#### 87 WILLIE DAVIS

A defensive end, Davis played on six division five league, and two Super Bowl champion teams in 12 seasons, including 10 with the Packers. He played in 162 consecutive games and had 21 career fumble recoveries

Runners-up: Dave Casper, Raiders, Dwight Clark, 49ers; Rich Jackson, Broncos

#### **88 ALAN PAGE**

Page was the first defensive player to be named the NFL Player of the Year (1972). He played 15 seasons with the Vikings and Bears, recording 224 fumble recoveries, 28 blocked kicks and 164 sacks A mainstay of the "Purple People Eaters," he led the Vikings to four Super Bowls and nine division titles. He was the Lineman of the Year in 1973.

Runners-up: J.V. Cain, Cardinals; John Mackey, Colts, Charlie Sanders, Lions; Lynn Swenn, Steelers

#### **59 GUSO MARCHETTI**

A member of the 50-year, all-time NFL team Marchetti played 14 seasons, including 13 with the Colts. The most feared defensive lineman in the game during his career, he was often double- and triple-teamed. A strong pass rusher, he helped the Colts win a pair of NFL championships.

Runners-up Wes Chandler, Chargers, Bob Dee, Patriots, Mike Ditka, Bears: Otis Taylor, Charter

Chiefs

#### **90 GEORGE WEBSTER**

Webster was a grant at outside linebacker for the Oilers. Capable of defensing the run-he averaged 10 tackles per game in his best season-or covering backs on pass routes, Webster earned all-pro honors with the Oilers before being traded to the Steelers

#### 91 KEVIN GREENE

An outside linebacker and defensive end who played nine seasons with the Rams, Greene registered back-to-back 161/2-sack totals in 1988-89 He signed as a free agent with the Stee ers in 1993

#### **92 REGGIE WHITE**

The only player in NFL history with more sacks than games played, White spent nine seasons with the Eagles and has led the league in sacks the last seven. He set an Eagles' record with 21 sacks in a strike-shortened 12-game season in 1987. The most coveted of the NFL. free agents, he signed a blockbuster contract with the Packers in '93

Runner-up: Michael Dean Perry, Browns

#### 93 JURIS BALL

A strong performer on the Lions' defensive line during his six seasons, Ball is effective stopping the run and as a pass rusher

#### 94 CHARLES HALEY

One of the more dominating defensive ends in the game today, Haley played seven-plus years with the 49ers before being traded to the Cowboys during the 1992 season. The NFL leader with 16 sacks in 1990, Haley is a pass rusher with excellent upfield speed

#### 95 DICHARD DEST

An outstanding defensive end and pass rusher, Dent has played 11 seasons for the Bears The MVP of Super Bowl XX, he holds the NFL career record for postseason sacks with 101/2 Dent is also the Bears' all-time leader in sacks and holds their single-season (17½) and single-game (41/2) sack records

#### **96 SEAN JONES**

A strong pass rusher, Jones has played for the Raiders and Oilers since joining the NFL out of Northeastern. He enjoyed one of his best seasons with the Oilers in 1988, when he recorded 71/2 sacks

#### **97 CORNELIUS BENNETT**

A standout at outside linebacker for seven seasons with the Bills, the AFC Defensive Player of the Year in 1988 (along with teammate Bruce Smith) and 1991 enjoyed one of his best seasons with Buffalo in '91 with 107 tackies, nine sacks, and four forced fumbles.

#### S TON BARMON

A two-time All-America at Michigan who won the Heisman Trophy in 1940, Harmon went on to play three pro football seasons, with the New York Americans in the AFL in 1941 and the Rams in the NFL in 1946-47. A World War Il fighter pilot who won the Silver Star and Purple Heart, he went on to become a radio and TV commentator

#### 29 MARK CASTINEAU

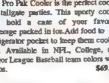
Gastineau was one of the game's most prolific sackers during his 10 seasons with the Jets Part of the "New York Sack Exchange," he recorded 1071/2 sacks, including a leaguerecord 22 in 1984, when he was named the AFC Defensive Player of the Year

Runners-up. Jerome Brown, Eagles; Marshall : Goldberg, Cardinals, Dan Hampton, Bears

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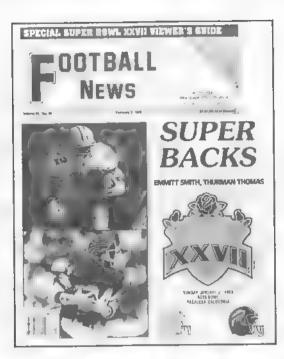
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## HALLOF FAME

#### by JIM O'BRIEN

The images persist, the burly Larry Little leading the blocking on an end sweep, the bearded Dan Fouts firing a football 60 to 70 yards on the fly, the bright-eyed Walter Payton pile-driving those formidable legs off tackie and then high-stepping his way past lunging linebackers, the steely-eyed Chuck Noll and Bill Walsh watching from the sidelines, seldom smiling, usually looking annoyed Each made his mark in the National Football League, and on July 31 they will be nducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as the class of 1993

No one ever rushed for more yards in the NFL than Payton of the Chicago Bears. Not many could block better or get out in front of his backs as well as Little, the husky guard of the Miami Dolphins. Few threw more passes for more yardage and touchdowns than Fouts of the San Diego Chargers. Keep this in mind, however in his pro debut, Payton carried the ball eight times for no gain. Little was not drafted by any NFL team and signed as a free agent with the San Diego Chargers, who later dealt him to the Doiph ns Fouts's first pass fell incomplete.

Noll won his first game as coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1969 and then lost the next 2 1 1 1 1 T W

He came out of Columbia, MS, and a predominantly brack college, Jackson State, and he turned the NFL on its collective ear 'Sweetness," as he was affect onately called wore a white bandana and a Bears un form with pride, and ran over and past people un-Ike any back before him. He was a highstrung 5-10, 202-pound package of dynamite Nobody d'd it all better than Payton In 13 seasons with the Bears (1975-1987), he rushed 3,838 times for 16,726 yards and 110 touchdowns-all NFL records. He caught 492 passes for 4,538 yards and 15 more TDs. Altogether, he scored 125 touchdowns, secondmost ever, and ran up a record 21,803 total vards Yet one of his coaches, Mike Ditka, loved him because of his blocking ability. He could tackie, too, and might have made a terrific defens ve back.

"He is a complete football player," said Jim Finks: the former general manager of the Bears, who drafted Payton as the team's first pick in 1975. "He is better than Jim Brown. He is better than O.J. Simpson." Of course, in Chicago the high standard had been set by Gale Sayers but Payton was equal to the challenge. He played in nine Pro Bowls, was

could have played that day if Jack Pardee had et him. A power runner more than a break-away speedster, Payton punished tacklers before they could hurt him. "My coach at Jackson State, Bob Hill, always said that if you are going to die, you should die hard, never die easily," Payton was fond of saying.

He was a fun guy who loved to play pranks on his teammates, loved to show his skills on the dance floor and with musical instruments. Life is so short, "he said, "you better enjoy it while you can". His records and achievements mean a lot to him. "My father always told me never to settle for second-best," he said, "that either you try to do your best or don't try at all."

Body Carrier

No one could distract Dan Fouts from throwing a football. He was 6-3, 210 pounds, but he played the game as though he were much bigger. You couldn't flush Fouts out of



the pocket no matter how fierce the pass rush. The last thing he wanted to do was run. So Fouts took more than his share of hard knocks. But he always got back up to throw the ball again. He wore a beard, perhaps to soften the blows but he stood out from the pack for more than his facial hair. His arm wasn't thought to be as strong, say, as Terry Bradshaw's, but few quarterbacks cranked it up more often than Fouts. No team had as sophisticated a passing offense as the Chargers, especially under Don "Air Coryell".

"To be associated with that style of play is what I am proudest about," said Fouts when he first learned that he had been elected to the Hall of Fame "We were on the culting edge of offensive football, in the passing game part cularly We knew we were capable of scoring 30-40 points—and often we did"

Fouts threw for 43,040 yards, a total exceeded in the NFL only by Fran Tarkenton's 47,003, and led the league in passing yards four times, topped only by Sonny Jurgensen, who did t five times. Some of Fouts's numbers are as numbing as some of the hits he took from defensive linemen. He threw 254 touch-down passes, had six games of 400-pius passing yards, 51 of 300-pius, six Pro Bowl selections, five all-pro honors, one league MVP award, two AFC Player of the Year tittes,



13. But when he retired after the 1991 season, shortly before his 60th birthday, he had won 209 games (No 6 in NFL history), including 16 in the postseason, and directed the Steelers to four Super Bowl titles. Walsh went 8-24 in his first two seasons as coach of the San Francisco 49ers, but 94-39-1 in the next eight years with three Super Bowl champions. Neither of those franchises had ever won any titles before that

the NFL Player of the Year twice (1977 and 85), and set a single-game record with 275 yards against Minnesota in 1977

Teammate Don Hampton loved him because of his enthusiasm Payton trained tirelessly by weightlifting and jogging during every offseason and showed up at training camp in peak physical condition. He missed only one game in his rookie season during his first 12 years in the NFL, and Payton said he

and more than a dozen San Diego records

Walsh said there are some similar lies between Fouts and Joe Montana of the 49ers. another of his protégés, "Dan depends heavily on his mind," said Waish, "on his tremendous inner strength, nerve, confidence, and gnt-if you want to call it that. He can stand under tremendous pressure and throw an accurate pass. Joe will move a lot more. Joe depends on avoiding people. Dan depends on planting his feet, standing there and just living with the pressure '

Corvell was concerned about the way Fouts would look danger in the eye and ignore it. "The thing that wornes me the most," Coryell once said, "is that Danny has too much toughness for a man who's not as big as the guys

who hit him."

#### LARRI

One of Larry Little's virtues as an offensive guard was his patience. It is something a lineman must possess as much as size and strength and pertinacity. It also served him well after his retirement in 1980 "I've been waiting a long time for this," Little said upon learning of his selection to the Hall of Fame. and when it finally came, I was...I guess you could say, ecstatic, I just started laughing." It was nice for Little to have the last laugh. A guy with less heart might have gotten frustrated a lot earlier and never hung in there to have the opportunity to enjoy the success he had with Don Shula's great Miami teams of the '70s

He was a hometown success story, having grown up within walking distance of the Orange Bowl, where he would eventually star in the NFL. Little was an unspectacular player in high school, so when no big-time college scouts came knocking at his door, he went to



tiny Bethune-Cookman in nearby Daytona Beach When he graduated he was not drafted by any NFL team but signed for \$750 with the Chargers A year later he was was traded to the Dolphins, which turned things around for him in a big way. He was a six-time all-pro-He was named the AFC's outstanding offensive ineman in 1970, '71, and '72

Steelers Half of Fame defensive tackle Joe Greene, now an assistant to Shula with the Dolphins, said, "Every time we played Miami, it seemed that Little was always in front of me

We battled several times and I came away from each game with more respect for him than ever. Whatever he did, I just couldn't even shake him."

Little is the fifth Dolphin elected to the Hall, following Larry Csonka (1987), Paul Warfield (1983), center Jim Langer (1987), and Bob Griese (1990)

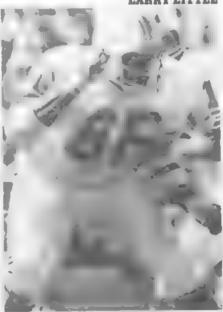
#### CHUCK NOLL

He thought of himself as a teacher, and one of the things that attracted him to coaching, he said, "was the chance to help somebody get better." Noll was never happier than when he was working one-on-one with a prospect, teaching him with his hands-on method

For almost 40 years, the Steelers never won any kind of title until Dan Rooney, the oldest of owner Art Rooney's five sons, took a chance on a 37-year-old assistant on Don Shula's staff with the Baltimore Colts. Art Rooney said he knew Noll had the right stuff after the Steelers went 1-13 in Noll's first year. "He lost all those games, but he never lost the team."

The Steelers drafted deftly, and had incredble luck along the way back in the '70s Noll picked his personnel carefully and stayed with them, assembling a team that twice won back-to-back Super Bowls with basically the same players but with different styles





"He was very stern, very strict," said Andy Russell, one of the few holdovers from the poor team that Noll inherited "He was very realistic about what the players could or could not do. He didn't wear us out at practice. Sundays were our hard days. To that extent, he was a players' coach."

Noll came from Cleveland, and had a distinguished career as a guard and linebacker for Paul Brown's string of title teams. He learned what it took to be a winner in the NFL. "You learn something from everyone," he said. He never learned to smile a lot, or to be loquaclous with the press, but he was fair, and he could be good company away from the football field "Basically, I'm a private person,' he said "My thing is preparation and teaching and that's not a good story. I'm not a one-liner kind of guy. I'm not a cornedian."

#### RILL WALSE

He was different from Noll in many ways. He was more comfortable in the timelight, or as a TV analyst, and never blushed when somebody labeled him "a genius," as coaches go But he was just as determined and focused in his mission to produce winners as any coach and he still operates in that manner in a secand engagement as the head coach at Stanford University

Walsh was 10 years older than Noti at 47, when he got his first head coaching assignment in the NFL. He had distinguished himself as an assistant with the Oakland Raiders C'ncinnati Bengals, and the Chargers before getting a shot. He was bypassed several times, which promoted him to leave the NFL to become coach at Stanford in 1977. Taking over a 49ers, team that was 2-14 in 1978, he led them to their first NFL championship just three years later and to Super Bowl victories again in 1985 and '89 With a 102-63-1 record in 10 years, Walsh won more games than any other 49ers coach. He took pride in his ability to recognize tatent

"I didn't have to see Joe Montana play 10 games at Notre Dame in 1978 to know that I wanted him," he said. "The argument against Joe was that he was inconsistent. Maybe it was my impetuous ego, but I felt if I saw him succeed once he could do it again."

Walsh continually changed his lineup and had only seven team members who played in all three Super Bowl victories, whereas the Steelers had 21 of the same players on all four of their Super Bowl champions. So Walsh won with three different teams

"You start by knowing that most of what you try to do will fail," said Walsh "A team just doesn't have a big gainer on every play You have to be seasoned enough to withstand frustration, but when an offensive opportunity presents itself, often without warning, you must be ready to lead. New plays just don't drop from heaven. They derive from a coach's knowledge of the game and an examination of all the approaches that, considering your personnel and opposition, may be available."

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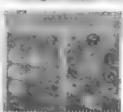
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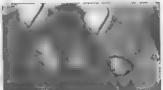


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#### In the NFC. it's what's up front that counts

The NFC lost seven Super Bowls to the AFC this offseason, Four belonged to Joe Montana, two to Bill Parcells, and one to Jeff Hostetler. The coach and two quarterbacks jumped ship and became part of tho 'brain drain' NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue hopes will help restore some semblance of balance to his lopsided league. The NFC has won nine Super Bowls in a row and the Dallas Cowboys have more going for them then most champions seeking a repeat

With Montana in Kansas City Parcells in New England, and Hostetler in Los Angeles. the NFC has infiltrated the AFC coast-tocoast. Add defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan in Houston and the rise of the San Diego Chargers under former Washington general

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ly Clearly, this is more than coincidence. The consensus of Pro Bowl players following the Cowboys' crushing 52-17 victory over Buffalo was that the NFC is, indeed, a more physical conference, better prepared for the playoffs by week-in, week-out physical confrontations against bigger, stronger defenses. This is a description of NFC East teams, where defenses as formidable as the Philadelphia Eagles' end up nothing more than also-rans

"I felt Buffalo was good enough to win any



says the moguls at NBC are happy their conference can compete Subtract four more NFC Super Bowls-three from retired Washngton Redskins coach Joe Gibbs and one from fired Chicago Bears coach Mike Ditkaand there 's all the more reason for AFC hope

Tell it to Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson. who entered last season with the youngest team in the league and came out with an impressive Super Bowl victory It was the third straight from a different NFC East team and signaled time to take the dominance seriousthat way," said Miami quarterback Dan Manno. "There are more dominating teams in the NFC, there's no doubt."

Marino's coach, Don Shula, disagrees that the NFC is more physical. He was the first NFL. coach to lose to the AFL in a Super Bowl when his Baltimore Colts were upset by the New York Jets in 1969. Since then, he has won two Super Bowls with the Dolphins, "You can't generalize," Shula said "All of us like to think we play physical. Did you see us against San Diego in the AFC divisional playoffs? We



thought that was pretty physical. We don't feel we have to apologize.

Explanations are what is required, not apologies Mike Shananan, offensive coordinator of the San Francisco 49ers, was offensive coordinator of the Denver Broncos in two Super Bowl losses and later head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders. In studying both conferences. Shanahan came to a conclusion after his first season in San Francisco "The front seven is much stronger thoughout the NFC.1 he said. "As the saying goes, you win it up front. There is a consistency of dominating players on the front seven," Snanahan is talking defense, where 4-3 and 3-4 schemes have melded in recent years to indecionerable alignments now described simply as front sevens. Whether they include four linebackers or four down linemen is often hard to determine Many players, such as "linebackers" Tim Harris and Charles Haley, are hybrids.

Blame Lawrence Taylor. The great linebacker of the New York Giants is back for another year, defying the odds of recovering fully from Achilles tendon surgery. If he can no longer torment offenses, Taylor will serve as a symbol of NFC dominance. In fact, the dominance can be traced to the year Taylor entered the league, 1981 "That's where it started. All the good guys went to the NFC, said linebacker Rickey Jackson of New Orleans Jackson was one of them in the great "linebacker draft" of 1981. It also included Hugh Green. E. J. Junior, and Mike Singletary—all to the NFC. Safety Ronnie Lott went to the NFC in that draft as well and became as important to San Francisco's success as Montana. "The NFC has more physical players, the AFC has more finesse teams," Jackson said, echoing a stereotype that is growing from theory into fact.

'By playing in a more physical conference, you play more physical by the time you get to the championship," said Reggie White, who narrowed his choices as a free agent to three NFC teams before selecting Green Bay "The NFC has big offensive lines. In the AFC, not every offensive line is as big and physical as some of the NFC lines. But maybe free agency will give the AFC an opportunity to compete."

The same year Taylor and the linebackers came into the NFC, the 49ers traded for Fred Dean from the San Diego Chargers. Dean and Taylor became front-seven players so versatle and dominating that offenses had to account and adjust. The two no longer fit the traditional roles of down linemen or pass rushers. Essentially, they were terrorists, lining upin different places, coming at different times, surprising offenses from all angles. They gave rise to a cardinal rule of offensive thinking. You have to know where they line up.

Two things happened: Rivals tried to find more Taylors and Deans and rivals beeled up to protect themselves from the Taylors and

Deans This happened first in the NFC East Gibbs, who arrived to coach Washington the same year Taylor was a rookie, immediately developed the "Hogs" offensive line to provide maximum protection for his quarterbacks. In San Francisco, Bill Walsh pulled guards to block linebackers such as Taylor, making sure he never was isolated on an outmanned tight end or running back.

It is interesting to note that no NFC team has won a Super Bowl without employing conventional offenses including tight ends and blocking fullbacks or H-backs. The 49ers and Redskins won with great, but not fancy, passing games. No run-and-shoot stuff here, just block and tackle. Was there a simpler offense in football than the Cowboys' of 1992?

In 1983 and 1984, the Bears drafted Richard Dent and Wilber Marshall and by 1985 defensive coordinator Ryan's blitzing, swarming, gambling "46" defense dominated the league like few before or since. Ryan said he learned football's most important lesson from former Jets coach Weeb Ewbank Protect the passer at all costs. Ryan converted the axiom to his own devices as a defensive coach. Get the passer at all costs.

In 1986, the Eagles hired Ryan and added Seth Joyner and Clyde Simmons to their 1985 acquisition of White The escalation of NFC front sevens was on The Redskins hijacked Marshall through free agency. The Giants drafted a bigger, stronger offensive line. The 49ers turned Hatey loose The Minnesota Vi-

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kings made a run with Chris Doleman and Keith Millard and Henry Thomas The New Orleans Saints fielded one of the all-time great groups of linebackers, sending Jackson, Sam-Mills, Vaughan Johnson, and Pat Swilling to the Pro Bowl The Detroit Lions had tried to sign Swilling as a restricted free agent a year ago, knowing they couldn't compete in the NFC without the dominant front seven. They were unsuccessful at the time, but they finally obtained him for their first-round pick in the '93 draft. The Bears lost Marshall and Dan Hampton and faced The 49ers, feeling greedy. added Harris from Green Bay, which made Hatey expendable. With Harris and down lineman Pierce Holt, the 49ers made another run for glary only to see the guts of their defense torn by the free-agent signings of Holt in Atlanta and Harris in Philadelphia

In 1991, the Cowboys finished 17th in the league in defense. In 1992, they added Haley, turned tackles Russell Maryland and Tony Casillas loose, developed linebacker. Ken Norton Jr., plugged in some rookies, and finished first in defense. The Bears beat out the Grants to hire Dailas defensive coordinator Dave Wannstedt as their head coach.

Why have the Buffalo Bills dominated the AFC and made three straight Super Bowl trips? Could it be that their front seven—including Bruce Smith, Cornelius Bennett, Darryl Talley, Jeff Wright, and Shane Conlan-resembles an NFC team's? The Bills were 4-0 against the NFC during the regular season, but couldn't sustain it in the Super Bow

Meanwhile, the AFC drafted quarterbacks Following the great NFC linebacker draft of 1981, there was the great AFC quarterback draft of 1983 John Elway, Todd Blackledge Jim Kelly, Ken O'Brien, Tony Eason, and Dan Marino all were drafted in the first round by AFC teams. They are a combined 0-8 in Super Bowls, proving only one thing. The linebacker draft was more important.

"Quarterbacks make up just a small part of the team," the Saints Jackson said "They may have good arms, but you need that strength up front"

Front sevens aren't the only NFC edge Despite the reputation of AFC quarterbacks five of the top six passers in the league in 1992 hailed from the NFC; Steve Young, Chr.s Miller, Troy Aikman, Randall Cunningham and Brett Favre. The top five receivers in yards all were from the NFC. Sterling Sharpe, Michael Irvin, Jerry Rice, Andre Rison, and Fred Barnett. The top rusher was the Cowboys' Emmit Smith.

Neither coaches nor players pay as much attention to NFC-AFC records and rivalries as fans. Interconference play, common rules and a common draft leave little room for differences, let alone gaps. The NFC has not only won nine Super Bowls in a row, but the average score is 39-16. And that includes 20-19 and 20-16 games. Interconference records usually run about dead even despite the Super Bowl dominance. In 1992, it was a more lopsided 30-23 in favor of the NFC.

"We're all just trying to win championships," Shula said "But you have to give the NFC credit, You can't deny the Super Bowl."



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For years, the NFL has taken pride in its parity, creating a sport that gives everybody an even chance Revenue sharing, the draft, the waiver wire, and weighted scheduling all are designed to provide competitive balance. The 49ers overcame t all They drafted Joe Montana in the third round, traded for Steve Young when other teams didn't want him, signed Steve Bono off the waiver wire, and generally discovered and developed players better than other teams. At 14-2 for the regular season, the 49ers earned an NFL-record 10th straight year of double-digit victories. At 15-3 after the playoffs, they were disappointed

So, after trying to beat the 49ers on the field for more than a decade, rivals conspired to change the rules and beat them off the field in an attempt to dismantle one of football's great dynasties. Free agency and a salary cap have entered the picture. The 49ers of 1992 opened without Charles Haley, and his presence in Dallas was more than coincidental to the Cowboys' Super Bowl title. The 49ers of 1993 will open without Joe Montana, without Pierce Holt, without Tim Harr's They lost Holt and Harris to teams with lower payrolls. They were forced to unload the unhappy Montana when coach George Seifert insisted on stickng with Young. If the 49ers survive this ast offseason they deserve all the accorades a dynasty earns. They recouped some of their losses by signing free agent safety Tim Mc-Donald from Phoenix, but again the rules inhibited an all-out assault on Reggie White and prevented them from entering into free agency at all unt I they lost Holt

Not many foes are feeling sorry yet. Even without Montana, the 49ers have Young, who has made a career of overcoming odds and must face yet another season of question

marks. Despite becoming the first quarterback to record back-to-back passer ratings of plus-100, Young was blamed by some for the 49er loss to Dallas in the NFC title game. As long as Montana was on the bench, he would haunt Young. Now that he's gone to Kansas City, will the haunting stop? Seifert helped nothing when he offered Montana his old job back in a clumsy, last-minute attempt to salvage another season from No 16 Does that mean Young is just a lucky backup? Young directed the No. 1 offense in the league in yards and scoring and won his second passer. title by a whopping 163 points over his closest competitor It was a lasting tribute to Bill Walsh's system, and another feather in the hat of Seifert, who managed to keep the system ntact despite the departure of assistant coaches Mike Holmgren and Sherman Lews to Green Bay Young's capably backed up by Bono and young Bill Musgrave, although Young's 76 runs for 537 yards didn't seem to be hazardous to his health

Jerry Rice is still around, the last link to the past and again the key to the future. He now holds the all-time touchdown reception record with 103 and is beginning only his ninth season Not surprisingly, Rice says he expects the 49ers to I ve up to verbal promises to adjust his contract as the numbers for free agents skyrocket. Bono got a five-fold raise to stay, for example. Rice put up typical receiving numbers despite the prolonged absence of the injured John Taylor on the other side Mervyn Fernandez from the Raiders offsets the departure of wide receiver Mike Sherrard to the Giants. And few teams have a tight end as talented as Brent Jones, who finished second to Rice with 45 catches. Jamie Williams and Wesley Walls provide the blocking as necessary at the position

The emergence of Ricky Watters at running back was a welcome addition. His 1,013 yards and 4 9-yard average were records for a first-year 49er back and his 43 receptions made him doubly dangerous. The key is consistency. The 49ers will need Watters more than ever in 1993, although backup Amp Lee proved more than ready to provide help when needed. Tom Rathman remains the best pure fullback in the league, adding nine touchdowns to his repertoire of blocking, running, and receiving.

The 49ers sent eft tackle Steve Wal ace and guard Guy McIntyre to the Pro Bowl and complained that right tackle Harris Barton should have gone. Center Jesse Sapolu and right guard Roy Foster also turned in solid seasons. Barton's three missed starts were the only games missed by the entire group in an unusual display of durability Harry Boatswain, Brian Boilinger, and Raiph Tamm didn't get much experience as backups

Se fert will need to rebuild his defense, and the drafting of tackle Dana Stubblefield and

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end Todd Kelly in the first round is a starting point. Harris was second in the league in sacks with 17, but the more difficult shoes to fill may be Holt's. He lined up outside in the 3-4 and inside in the nickel, providing consistently excellent play in all situations. Young Dennis Brown and Ted Washington will now get a chance to line up with veterans Michaet Carter and Kevin Fagan, while Kelly will get a shot at replacing Harns as the designated pass rusher. Second-year surprise Martin Harrison also will get a look. Linebackers Keith DeLong, Mike Walter, and Bill Romanowski are the run-stoppers, with Romanowski and Walter 1-2 in tackles. The 49ers had to fight off the Washington Redskins for Romanowski, matching an offer to keep him. Darin Jordan and John Johnson are backups

McDonald steps in at strong safety to replace David Whitmore, who joins Montana in Kansas City. McDonald will be a settling influence on second-year free safety Dana Hall who played well as a rookie calling signals. In Phoenix, McDonald led his team in tackles three out of four years. Don Griffin is an underrated cornerback and Eric Davis showed improvement on the other side. Rookie Adrian.





Hardy will get a chance to compete with Merton Hanks, Michael McGruder, and Alan Grant for a reserve role Thane Gash is a backup safety. The 49ers ranked 26th against the pass, partly because opponents were constantly playing catch-up and partly because the young secondary took some lumps early in the season. After giving up 14 touch-down passes in their first eight games, it yielded only six in the final eight.

Punter Klaus Wilmsmeyer is an example of the superior scouting and coaching that has kept the 49ers on top. Claimed on waivers from the lowly Buccaneers, the rookie placed 19 punts inside the 20 and had only two touchbacks Place-kicker Mike Cofer survived a slump. The return of the injured Dexter Carter would help the return game

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#### NUM GREEAUS DAINTS

Good things just don't come to the Saints in a hurry If patience is a virtue this is a team that truly lives up to its name. After waiting 21 years to get into the playoffs, they are now waiting to win a playoff game. It's six years and counting. After four playoff games and four losses, they remain the only team in the NFL without a postseason victory

Their defense allowed a team-record-low 202 points, the fewest in the NFL. They were the best in the league in average gain per play allowed They were the only NFC team which did not allow a 300-yard passing or a 100yard receiving game against them. They were the least penalized team in the NFL. Yet when crunch time came, they gave up 29 points in a row and blew a 20-7 lead in a devastating 36-20 playoff loss to the Eagles, right in the Superdome, where they had lost the year before to the Falcons.

The Saints are growing tired of winning all the statistics and losing all the playoff games Only the 49ers and Bills have won more regular-season games over the last six years, a fact that only makes for a merry Christmas, not a happy New Year. This year, they will try something new They are going at it without top quarterback Bobby Hebert, top linebacker Pat Swilling, and top fullback Craig Heyward. They want new faces to bring new results. Wade Wilson gets a chance to play quarterback full-time again. The Saints were the only team to draft two players rated No. 1 at their positions: offens ve tackle Will e Roaf and tight end liv Smith

Hebert threw two interceptions in the second haif of last year's playoff loss and that was all general manager Jim Finks needed to see Hebert had enjoyed his best season, but in the clutch he came up short. Against the 49ers earlier in the Superdome, his interception in the end zone ended a 16-10 loss. So

Hebert went to Atlanta after Wilson signed with the Sants Is Wilson the answer? Although he went on a tear with the Falcons, hitting 13 touchdown passes in three starts as a reserve for Chris Miller and Billy Joe Tolliver, Wisson will be 34, a year older than Hebert. He has spent most of his career as a backup. The Vikings gave up on him after three years as a starter One thing Wilson has is pat ence. which may make him a perfect fit. Fourth-year player Mike Buck was moved ahead of Steve Walsh on last year's depth chart, but Walsh



may understand the offense better than Buck and make a run for the starting job again if Wilson falters

One thing the quarterbacks get in New Orleans is good protection. The addition of Roaf PUNTING-Barghardt, 67 punts, 44.0 avg. ongest 62

PUNT RETURNS: Newman, 23 for 158 yards, 6.9 average 10th KICKOFF RETURNS: McAfee, 19 for 393 yards, 20.7 aver

age dnranked SACKS—Martin, 15.5 sacks ,3rd

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and Smith only fortifies an offensive line that led the league by giving up only 15 sacks and started every game intact. At the same time, the Saints failed to produce a single 100-yard game from any of their running backs and were especially inept on third-and-short, so the offensive line received its share of blame as well as credit. Roaf will push Richard Cooper at left tackle and both are insurance for 14-year veteran Stan Brock at right tackle Left guard Jim Dombrowski is the Saints' iron-man blocker and right guard Derek Kennard and center Joel Hilgenberg are sol'd Hilgenberg finally succeeded brother Jay as a Pro Bowl starter, Chris Port, Paul Jetton, and Gene McGuire are backups,

Smith will push 33-year-old tight end Hoby Brenner for the starting job. He can block and

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catch. The Saints' tight ends caught only 21 passes last year. At wide receiver, the reliable Er c Martin remains the go-to guy after leading the team in catches for six straight years. Torrance Small came on as a rookie to push Quinn Early, with Wesley Carroll Patrick Newman, and Floyd Tumer giving the Saints depth at the position if Turner can fully recover from a broken leg

Running back remains a concern. Young Vaughn Dunbar led the club with 565 yards, tops for rooxies in the league, but his 3.7-yard average was nothing special. Dalton Hilliard is still around and Fred McAfee slipped to only 39 carries after leading the team in 1991 Drafting fullback Lorenzo Neal and hailback Derek Brown in the fourth round will provide competition. The absence of Heyward and the addition of Brad Muster from the Bears will force a change in philosophy for the offense. Heyward is the classic lead-blocking fullback who had exceptional running and receiving skills that the Saints never fully exploited. He had three of the Saints' longest runs from scrimmage last year, although none was long-

They all benefited from an outstanding season from left end Wayne Martin, who came on with 151/2 sacks in his fourth season. Since

Saints of remaining strong at the position even

three sacks were a previous career best, the Saints hope the 151/2 were not an exception Aging Jim Wilks and Frank Warren are the other starters on the line, backed up by Robert Goff and Les Miller, who both see playing time on a rotating basis

without Swilling







er than a 25-yarder by Dunbar, indicative of the team's overall lack of speed. With Muster, the Saints have an unconventional fullback of a different sort. An excellent receiver and deceptive runner, Muster does nothing except make yardage whenever given the chance With the Bears, he played only 54 percent of the time last season and often sat out on third down, when he is especially effective as a receiver. Although he is a good blocker, he is not a Heyward

Without Swilling the Saints' defense promises a new look. Swilling and fellow linebackers Rickey Jackson, Sam Mills, and Vaughan Johnson became the first foursome from one team to get voted to a Pro Bowl at the same time. That Swilling is the youngest of the group makes his departure a bit of a camble for the Saints, but his 1992 performance failed to match his 1991 numbers. Renaldo Turpbuil, a 1990 No. 1 draft choice, will get a shot at replacing Swilling on the right side, where Joel Smeenge or even inside reserve DeMond Winston could chailenge. Jackson, the ageless wonder of the left side, led the linebackers with 131/2 sacks last year and shows no signs of slowing down. Mills and Vaughan are as solid a pair inside as any in the league. Second-round draft pick Reggre Freeman and inside backup James Williams ensure the

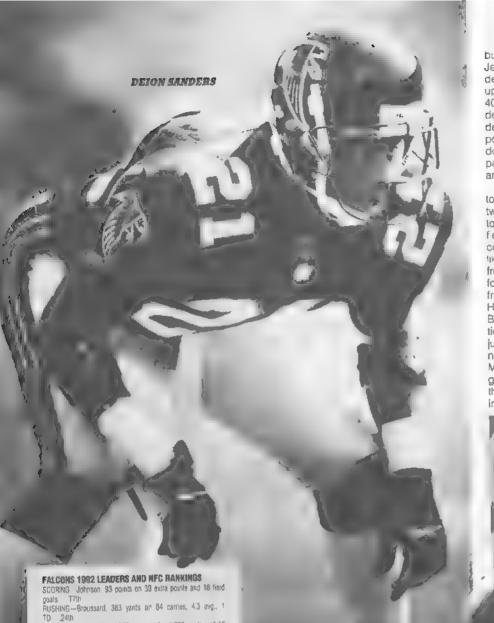
The secondary is coming off a good year and hopes to regain the services of niured stong safety Brett Maxie Cornerback To-Cook led the club with six interceptions and Reggie Jones won a spot as a starter in his second season ahead of nickel back Vince Buck Free safety Gene Atkins is one of the NFL's underrated players at his position. Jimmy Spencer, Cedric Mack, Antonio Gibson, and Sean Lumpkin are backups.

The Saints still need better results on punt and kickoff returns, but place-kicker Morten Andersen alone puts them among the league's best on special teams. Andersen was the only kicker deemed a transition exception to free agency. Punter Tommy Barnhardt is coming off his best year

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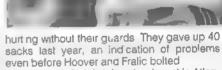
#### ATLANTA PALOOMI

Few teams went after free agents as vigorously as the Fa cons, who sent the state legislature after Reggie White. Few teams needed to go after free agents so enthus astically. White got a standing evation when he visited the capitol Lawmakers who found themselves powerless to stop the speeding through the Falcon defense last season also failed to slow down White on his way to Green Bay. But the Falcons came up with help elsewhere

San Francisco defensive lineman Pierce Holt was guaranteed \$7.5 million to line up for the Falcons Since the 49ers scored 97 points n two games against Atlanta last season, any 49er would have to earn that much just to consider switching sides. The Falcons went on to sign every defensive back they could find who never played baseball Losing strong safety Brian Jordan last year to the St. Louis Cardinals organization and sharing cornerback Deion Sanders with the Atlanta Braves through the World Series showed a remarkable support for the nation's summer pastime

but it did attle to calm the nerves of coach Jerry Glanville The Falcons were so bad on defense that Granville couldn't have caught up in his racing car. Opposing teams scored 40 points or more five times. The Falcons were dead last against the run and last overall on detense. They gave up more yards and more points than anyone eise, allowed more touchdowns (44) and intercepted the fewest passes (11), It's tough to intercept passes and field fly balls at the same time

When it came time for the draft, the Falcons took an offensive tackle. Already blessed with two of the greats in Mike Kenn and Chris Hinton, and only one year after drafting Bob Whitfield No. 1, the Faicons made 358-pound \_ ncoin Kennedy their first choice. With a name like that, he probably could draw applause from the legislators too The Falcons were forced to take an offensive lineman because free agency wiped out their starting guards, Houston Hoover and Bill Franc Former Pro Bowl quard Hinton will move back to that position to allow Whitfield to play right tackle. Kenn just keeps ticking on the left side, where Kennedy may eventually wind up. Roman Fortin or Mike Ruether may have to fill in at the other guard apot until the Falcons think of something eise. Center Jamie Dukes remains solid in the middle, where the Falcons could be



Runners definitely take a back seat in Atlanta's run-and-shoot. The Falcons have great weapons at receiver in Andre Rison, Mike Haynes, Mike Pritchard, and Drew Hill, with newcomer Aaron Cox acquired from the Rams in case Hill retires. Rison finished with 93 receptions after catching only five passes in the first three games. He would have threatened the league-record 108 by Green Bay's Sterling Sharpe had he signed in time to avert Glanville's wrath His 11 touchdown catches ed the team and earned him another Pro Bowl berth. Haynes is one of the league's premier deep threats turning 48 catches into 10 touchdowns, an impressive ratio. Pritchard is fast beginning to live up to his promise after a slow start on a learn designed by the coach to gnore youngsters.

The receivers have to be good, because the running attack produced nobody who gained more than 363 yards. That was Steve Broussard, who outgained rookie Tony Smith by 34 yards. Both are first-round picks by Glanville, who doesn't seem to like either, although Smith showed flashes. To shore up their anemic rushing game, the Falcons took a stab at the Saints' fullback Craio Heyward. who went to Chicago

The Falcons did end up with New Orleans quarterback Bobby Hebert instead, providing a curious twist to the plot. Hebert swapped places with Wade Wilson, whose fireman role in replacing the injured Chris Miller last season was spectacular. He threw 13 touchdown passes and only four interceptions in relief of Miller after Glanville got into a sideline fight with the No 1 backup. Billy Joe Tolliver Miller is expected back after a knee injury erased a promising start, but the veteran Hebert could push Miller if results aren't forthcoming. The Falcons paid Hebert over \$10 million for three years, so they either have plans for him or are worried about Miller's knee

Holt is instantly the star of a defensive line so small it averaged just 250 pounds on occasion. The addition of pass rusher Jumpy Geathers from Washington also is a plus,

more than making up for the loss of starting end Oliver Barnett, But Geathers is not an every-down player, so the return of Mike Gann from illness and the undersized Tim Green from injury is important. Nose tackle Moe Gardner is willing and adequate, but he needs help. Backups John Washington, Tory Epps, Mel Agee, and Bill Goldberg are welcome to emerge

At linebacker, the stabilizing force is middle man Jessie Tuggle, finally recognized by Pro Bowl voters after another whopping total of tackles. By Atlanta statistics, he had 193, maybe because nobody else was getting in the way Jesse Solomon gave the team experience and the inconsistent Dation Conner started to fulfill his potential with seven sacks from the right side, opposite Ken Tippins. This is not an overpowering group and fifth-round draft pick Ron George of Stanford will get a chance to show something immediately

Help for Deion Sanders in the secondary should come from free-agent signees Vinnie Clark of Green Bay, Alton Montgomery of Denver, and Mel Jenkins of Detroit plus second-round draft choice Roger Harper Sanders is outstanding on the right side, especially when he isn't wearing his baseball cap. His tackling has improved and his speed in recovering and making plays is phenomenal. Thirdyear man Bruce Pickens must be ready to

beat out Tim McKyer on the other side, with Jerikins a capable reserve who could vie for a starting job. Clark was a first-round corner in Green Bay who might be a better safety Montgomery and Harper will push Jeff Donaldson and Scott Case for jobs inside, where the Falcons were hampered by injuries

Sanders alone makes the Faicons dangerous on special teams, although few are willing to kick to him anymore. Norm Johnson hit 18 of 22 field goals, benefiting from the new dome. Scott Fulhage will get competition at punter. Reserve defensive back Elbert Shelley earned such a reputation hunting heads on coverage that he made the Pro Bowl

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Beating Atlanta in last season's finale was a significant turning point for the Rams. It was their first NFC West victory in 15 games. During coach Chuck Knox's first tenure, the Rams routinely controlled the division. After the first season of his return, Knox was being congratulated for his 6-10 record. The highlight of the season was beating the Cowboys in Dallas. The Rams were the only tearn to beat the champions in Texas Stadium, and it reminded them of how little difference there is between winers and losers in the NFL. That the Rams haven't won two games in a row since 1990 is a reminder that consistency is the key.

in the new system free agency can change things in a hurry. The Rams found that out when left tackle Gerald Perry became the first player to defect. It set Knox's plans back considerably because the Rams' offensive line had started every game intact in 1992. It was one area Knox didn't think he had to worry about for 1993. When guard Joe Milinichik followed the free-agent path out of town, the Rams were scrambling. They recovered by plugging hoies the best they could, concentrating on defense in free agency and offense in the draft. The result was reason for optimism in a division where changes leave the 49ers and Saints vulnerable.

The Rams signed free agent Irv Eatman to pray left tackle, an important spot because it is essential that quarterback Jim Everett feels comfortable. They traded for Leo Goeas to replace Milinichik, but he could play tackle. On the line, Eatman hasn't played left tackle since 1988 but unless somebody comes out of nowhere, he is the man charged with protecting Everett's backside. Goeas will play right guard and Jackle Slater will begin his 18th season at right tackle. Center Bern Bros-

70.85 LTP RUSHING—Gary, 1125 yards on 279 carries, 4.0 avg., 7

PASSING-Everett, 281 of 475 attempts for 3,323 yards and 22

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tek and left guard Tom Newberry are solid Darryl Ashmore is being groomed to replace Slater, probably sometime before the 21st century. Blair Bush, Jeff Pahukoa, and Robert Jenkins are backups

This is no time for Everett to get nervous. Coming off his best season since 1989, Everett is only 118 yards shy of eclipsing Roman Gabriel's all-time record of 22,223 yards passing, a significant accomplishment for a quarterback who takes more than his share of criticism. After a disastrous opener last sea-

son against Buffalo, Everett improved his passer rating in nine of the remaining 15 weeks and finished a respectable 12th. He had 11 more touchdown passes and two fewer interceptions than his 1991 totals. Few quarterbacks throw prettier passes than Everett when he's on In one six-game stretch, he hit 68 percent for 1,391 yards, 11 touchdowns, and only three interceptions. That the Rams lost four of those six could hardly be prinned on him. One of football's most durable performers, Everett has started every game for five straight years.

Help at running back was the No. 1 priority of the Rams. They got it in No. 1 draft pick Jerome Bettis. After trying to trade up to land Garrison Hearst, they settled on Bettis, the top fullback and a talent who can fill several

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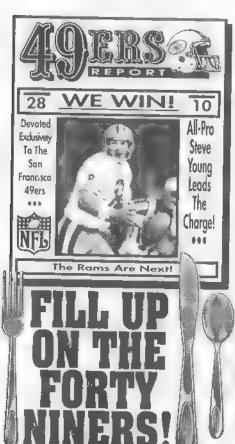
needs, including carrying the bail. He is expected to repiace Cleveland Gary at fullback, although Gary could move to halfback Gary rushed for 1,125 yards last year, his best season but old problems holding onto the bal surfaced by year's end David Lang also showed potential to become the feature back, a problem area that caused Knox to draft Cal's Russell White with his third pick.

Receiver is also an area of concern because Henry Ellard is finally showing his age after a steliar career. Flipper Anderson caught just 38 passes and the Rams hope secondyear man Todd Kinchen can contribute more after returning two punts for touchdowns in the season finale. Fifth-round draft choice Sean LaChapel e of UCLA will get a chance to play, as will backups Jeff Chadwick and Emile





Harry, Eilard caught 47 passes, but only three went for touchdowns for the second year in a row. That Gary was the leading receiver on a learn with a big-armed quarterback shows the Rams need help in this department. Knox addressed a problem at tight end with the selection of Penn State's Troy Drayton in the second round. He can provide the combination blocker-receiver the Rams have lacked. He will compete with Jim Price. Pat Carter, and Travis McNeal.



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Changes on defense were due regardless of the movement by the free agents. The Rams fin shed 27th in the league in defense, 27th against the run, and 24th against the pass. No other team finished lower in all categories. This ineptitude was accomplished despite the resurgence of pass-rushing linebacker Kevin Greene and the infusion of young tackies Sean Glibert and Marc Boutte Greene left for Pittsburgh because his talents are better suited to a 3-4 defense. The Rams signed inside linebacker Shane Conlan from Buffalo and can only hope his talents are better suited to a 4-3. They also added defensive end Fred Stokes from Washington and know he can rush the passer in the 4-3. Stokes will line up on the right side with Gerald Robinson on the left and Robert Young looking for action somewhere. Warren Powers, Mike Piel, and Bit Hawkins if he can recover from injuryare the backups

The addition of linebacker Henry Rolling from San Diego will help fill the spot manned so well by Greene, who for years was the Rams' best defender Conlan has never played the middle alone before, but Knox thinks he can adjust as Jack Reynolds once did Roman Ph fer is the right linebacker, with Leon White, Fred Strickland, and Scott Ste-

phen in reserve

Cornerback Darryl Henley is the teams best defensive back, with Todd Lyght and Steve Israel expected to come on strong at the corners Strong safety Anthony Newman and Henley had four interceptions apiece Free safety Pat Terrell was hampered by injury last year Robert Bailey, Michael Stewart, Chris Crooms, and Courtney Griffin are all vying for backup spots

The Rams spent an eighth-round draft pick on punter Jeff Buffaloe to improve an area of need. Tony Zendelas missed a field goal (he made 15 of 20) after a perfect 1991 season. Kinchen made a splash on punt returns, scoring on two of his four attempts, but the Rams rated last among all special teams in overall competence







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Reggie White came to Green Bay and fiked what he saw so much that he stayed. There is a bandwagon parked close to Lambeau Field and people are climbing aboard. The Packers are once again fashionable. Despite a disappointing loss to the Vikings in the season finale that kept them out of the playoffs, the Packers won so many friends for their 9-7 record that they are now favored to win the NFC Central Division. Although they still have problems that Reggie White can't fix, they take on one additional burden in coach Mike Holmgren's second season favorites. No longer can the Packers sneak up on teams and keep their fans amused by their effort. They have to win and win now. Otherwise, quarterback Brett Favre is just Don Majkowski with a shorter name and Holmgren is Lindy Infante and 1992 is 1989 all over again. That's when the Packers finished 10-6 and full of promise only to fall fat on their faces



Retrospect shows the Packers really weren't very good back then, and there was no free agency to help them improve. They signed more Plan B players than any other team but Reggie White never showed up on any Plan B I sts. Their 1990 draft wasn't immediately productive and their 1991 draft was a wipeout except for one key maneuver. They traded down for an extra No. 1 draft choice in 1992. Enter general manager Ron Wolf who knows how to wheel and deal extra draft choices. He sent the gift to Atlanta for Favre and used his own No. 1 to take cornerback Terreil Buckley. The bandwagon wasn't rolling yet, but the wheels were on

White wasn't the only free agent the Packers signed, although he would have been enough in the eyes of the faithful. Wolf signed nose tackle Bill Maas from Kansas City, guard Harry Galbreath from Marni, tackle Tunch Ilkin from Pittsburgh, and safety Mike Prior from ndianapolis. He traded for running back John Stephens from New England and for quarterback Ken O'Brien from the Jets. He dumped 1989 No. 1 draft choice Tony Mandarich and

RANKINGS

SCORING—Jacke, 96 points on 30 extra points and 22 field goals 6th RUSHING—Workman, 631 yards on 159 carries: 4.0 avg., 2 TDs. 11th PASSING—Favre, 302 of 471 alteropts for 3,227 yards and 18 TDs. 5th RECEIVING—Sharpe, 108 receptions for 1,461 yards, 13,5 avg., 13 TDs. 1st INTERCEPTIONS—Cecil, 4 for 52 yards, 13,0 average. T5th PUNTING—McLutien, 36 punts, 38,5 avg., tongest 67 yards unacceptions—Buckley. 21 for 211 yards, 10.0 avg. 1 TD. 5th KICKOFF RETURNS—Harris, 33 for 891 yards, 20.9 average. 11th SACKS. Bennett 13.5 sacks. T6th

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traded 1991 No. 1 choice Vinnie Clark. He lost Pro Bowl safety Chuck Cec I to Phoenix and running back Vince Workman to Tampa Bay, but the net result was more excitement than the magical season of 1989 generated.

White was offered more money to play in Green Bay (\$17 million over four years) than to play anyplace else. He also said he iked the

quarterback, just like everybody else. Favre was outstanding in his first season as a starter After taking over against Cincinhat in the third game after an ankle injury sidelined Majkowski, Favre never looked back. His passer rating of 85.3 placed him sixth in the league, right ahead of Dan Marino, and his season d dn't end until he had earned a trip to Hawaii for the Pro Bowl-all at age 23. His accomplishments were eerily similar to Majkowski's 1989 season. The pickup of O'Brien was a masterstroke. Few quarterbacks are equipped with the knowledge, attitude, and arm O'Brien can provide for a team with a voung starter. If needed, he will lend a steady hand to the huddle while helping Favre and young prospects Ty Detmer and Mark Brunell

Sterling Sharpe is coming off the most productive season ever for a receiver. His 108 catches broke Art Monk's record and put the Favre-to-Sharpe combination in the same league as Steve Young to Jerry Rice. That Sharpe was able to accomplish this without significant help on the other side was all the more remarkable. Sanjay Beach was the next most productive wideout, catching only 17 passes. Ron Lewis, who became the starter, caught 13 The development of Jackie Harris

into an all-pro-caliber tight end gave the passing attack balance. Harris caught 55 passes, second in the NFL to the Cowboys' Jay Novacek among tight ends. His blocking also established him as a future star at the position. Ed West, an even better blocker, is the second tight end.

Stephens has the chance to make a significant contribution in the backfield. After an excellent rookie season with the Patr ots in 1988, Stephens declined to 277 yards last year and became expendable. Still talented, he steps into a void in Green Bay where 1990 first-round choice Darriell Thompson and second-year prospects. Edgar Bennett and Dexter McNabb also have an opportunity. Veteran

Harry Sydney lends stability
The addition of Ga breath and Ilkin to the offensive line provides options the Packers haven't had for some time. The return of the injured Rich Moran also helps. Ilkin and Tootie Robbins will line up at right tackle, with Galbreath and Ron Hallistrom at right guard and Moran at left guard. James Campen is the center and Ken Ruettgers the left tackle Frank Winters, Tom Neville, Cecil Gray, and Joe Sims will compete for backup spots.

White anchors a defensive line that sorely needed him. He will start on the left side where Matt Brock performed capably last year and could move to Robert Brown's right side. Maas is the nose tackle, with John Jurkovic, who gave up his No. 92 to White, and A.fred Oglesby in reserve.

Problems at inside iinebacker will force changes as the careers of Johnny Holland and Mark D'Onofrio are in doubt following serious operations. Holland is recoving from

neck surgery and D'Onofrio from hamstring surgery and neither is expected to contribute early in the year. The drafting of Wayne Simmons will enable George Koonce to move inside with Brian Noble and Burneli Dent. Bryce Paup also is a possibility inside Paup was the team's second-leading sacker behind outside linebacker Tony Bennett, who had 13½ and is rapidly becoming a star. The line had only nine as a unit, led by Brock's four, and will we come White, the only NFL player who has more sacks than games played.

Terrell Buckley started slowly as a confident rookie cornerback but showed flashes before the season was over. Already, he is one of the best cover corners in the league. The Packers traded up to get Alabama's George Teague with the intention of lining him up at right corner with Roland M tichell. Strong safety LeRoy Butter is a fixture and Prior is expected to replace Cecil at free safety with Tim Hauck and rookies Doug Evans and Tim Watson competing for roster spots.

Chris Jacke is one of the league's best place-kickers and Bryan Wagner salvaged the punt teams. Second-year men Robert Brooks, Corey Harris, and Buckley are expected to improve the return teams. Buckley proved he is dangerous once he makes sure he catches the ball.





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observers believe the 34-year-old warrior can last a season. The Vikings figure it's worth the chance. After all, they gambled and lost last year with Rich Gannon and Sean Salsbury. Why not gamble with a proven winner?

Although the Vikings were 7-1 within the division, they were 4-5 outside it—counting the playoffs. They were 0-3 against the NFC East and 0-4 against fellow NFC playoff teams. The only NFC Centra. Division quarterback ever to win a Super Bowl is, of course, McMahon. He did it with the 1985 Bears. The Vikings chose to concentrate on what he does when he is on the field rather than dwell on the times when he is injured. McMahon's record against NFC Central. Division teams is 27-5. Against the Packers, he is 8-1.

The Vikings were so intent on upgrading their quarterback situation that they didn't do much else to help themselves. They lost two starting offensive linemen and failed to replace them before the draft, when most of the desirable free agents were signed. Given McMahon's health history, leaving him vulnerable behind a thinned offensive line is really rolling the dice. Behind McMahon, the Vikings like the future of Brad Johnson, who didn't play as a rookie. They also drafted Heisman Trophy winner. Gino Torretta from Miami in the seventh round for protection. They signed Salisbury, preferring his future as a backup rather than Gannon's

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Team speed is a priority. Drafting trackmen Robert Smith from Ohio State and Qadry Ismail from Syracuse in the first two rounds was an admission the Vikings had grown slow Smith is a running back coming out early after a checkered two-year career at Ohio State Although he is projected by some as a receiver Green sees him as a change of pace from

#### MINNESOTA VIKINGS

In his first year as head coach of the Vikings Dennis Green won the NFC Central Division title. It was an impressive thing to do, considering he had taken over an 8-8 team with no apparent reason for improving to 11-5. What might Green be expected to do with a quarterback? That's the question Minnesota fans would like to see answered now that Jim Mc-Mahon has arrived via free agency. But the question that haunts them more is how long McMahon will last There is no question he is a quarterback with the skills and track record to get this team over the hump, but he has been plagued by such a variety of injuries that few

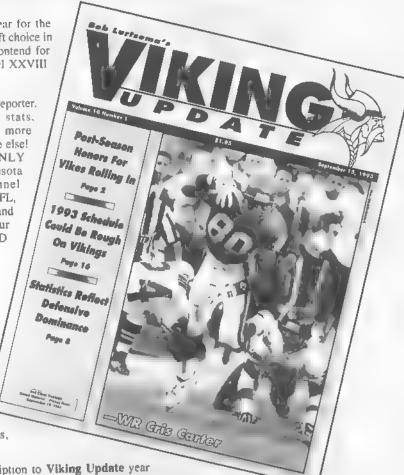
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Terry Allen, an unsuring hero of the offense Allen set a team rushing record with 1,201 yards breaking the mark held by Chuck Foreman. Allen was a 1990 ninth-round choice who came through like a first-rounder on a team that never needed Herschel Walker after all Allen and veteran Roger Craig combined for 1,617 yards, setting a Vikings' record for a



tandem. Smith is the primary backup, with veteran Keith Henderson also available.

Ismail will fit immediately into a receiving corps that got old and slow in the first six games, wide receivers scored 12 touchdowns. In the last 11 games, they scored one Anthony Carter, Hassan Jones and Cris Carter all are good receivers who lack speed Anthony Carter passed Sammy White as the Vikings' all-time leading receiver in yards and tight end Steve Jordan extended his club record in receptions to 439, but neither is the touchdown threat he once was, each scoring only two. The Vikings really fell off when Cris Carter suffered a broken collarbone and missed the last four games. They are hoping Ihird-year man Jake Reed will emerge, but he has caught only six passes in his first two years, so there is plenty of room for Ismail They also signed former Kansas City free agent Stephone Paige in hopes he has something left. Behind Jordan, the Vikings had Mike Tice and Brent Novoselsky, who caught



nine passes between them last season

On the line, the Vikings start two all-pros. two question marks, and 35-year-old Tim Irwin The left side is the most solid in football with tackle Gary Zimmerman and guard Randall McDaniel perennial candidates for honors. McDaniel is the consensus best guard in football. When he lines up in the backfield as a lead blocker, his athletic skills become obvious. After losing center Kirk Lowdermilk to Indianapolis in free agency, the Vikings hope veteran backup Adam Schreiber comes through. In nine years with five teams, he has made a total of 13 starts. At right guard, the Vikings lost Brian Habib to Denver, but they expect the injured Todd Kalis to reclaim his former job Third-rounder John Gerak will shore up a thin area. The inexperienced Scott Adams backed up both tackles and Mike Morris and Bernard Dafney are reserves. Irwin is a solid pro who has started every game since taking over for Ron Yary in 1982

Keyed by a line coached by John Teerlinck, the Vikings' defense coordinated by Tony Dungy set a team record by returning six interceptions and two fumbles for touchdowns. The Vikings led the league in interceptions with 28 and the NFC in takeaways with 42. The main reason was the quick pressure up front from tackles Henry Thomas and John Randle and end Chris Doleman, who combined for 32 sacks. They also got nine from end Al Noga, who defected to Washington. The Vikings expect second-year men Robert Harris and Roy Barker to take up Noga's slack.

Middle linebacker Jack Del Rio arrived from Dallas via Plan B and led the Vikings in tackles. He also registered two sacks and two interceptions, providing more versatility than



normal at the position. Left linebacker Carlos Jenkins started for the first time and scored twice on returns. Right linebacker Mike Merriweather was second in tackles at age 32 Former starter Ray Berry is expected back from injury. The other backups are Ed McDanel and David Bavaro

Audray McMillian shared the league tead with eight interceptions in a superior year, convincing former starter Najee Mustafaa

(Reggie Rutland) to go to Cleveland. To back up McMillian and Carl Lee, the Vikings added Jayice Pearson and Izel Jenkins to Anthony Parker. At strong safety, Todd Scott was outstanding in replacing Joey Browner, getting five interceptions and finishing third in tackles Vencie. Glenn ended up at free safety, with David Wilson in reserve.

Fuad Reveiz hit three of four field goals from 50-plus yards but missed two from 20-29 Harry Newsome led the NFC in gross punting with a 45-yard average, including a leaguelong of 84 yards Anthony Parker was a top 10 punt returner, but the Vikings will miss Darrin Nelson's kickoff returns,

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firing left the city up in arms despite a 5-11 season. Wannstedt is not only smart he is sincere. As a Pitt product and Dallas Cowboys assistant, Wannstedt followed Ditka's career path and openly admired Ditka before he succeeded him

It will be easier to take over a 5-11 Ditka team than the usual 11-5 Ditka team The Bears are no longer Da Bears of Saturday Night Live fame. They are just another team in the NFC Central, which is just another division Expectations are high in Chicago, but not unattainable. Wannstedt's first priority is speed His first draft choice, wide receiver Curtis Conway of Southern Cal, became the fastest offensive player in the division the minute he was selected. If Wannstedt and his enthusiastic, college-oriented staff get their way, the Bears will be back on top fast

The first big decision of the new regime was to keep Jim Harbaugh at quarterback. They made the commitment with a four-year \$13 million contract to prevent Harbaugh from taking a free-agent hike. A victim of unwarranted experimentation in Ditka's last season, Harbaugh's confidence and popularity had waned He is likely to benefit most by the change in scenery and philosophy. The addition of Conway and of blocking fullback Craig

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"Ironhead" Heyward from the New Orleans Saints provide a glimpse of a future similar to that of the Cowboys. It will be a fundamental offense with an emphasis on power and speed. Harbaugh is a durable, hard-working player whose interception against the Vikings nelped turn a 20-0 fourth-quarter lead into a 21-20 defeat that marked the beginning of the end for Ditka. It led to Harbaugh's eventual benching in favor of P.T. Willis and rookie W.I.

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Furrer as Ditka groped for answers. Harbaugh is clearly the best quarterback.

Wannstedt also made an early commitment to running back Neal Anderson who spent the last two years in Ditka's doghouse and dwind ed from 1,078 yards in 1990 to 747 in 91 and 582 a year ago. At age 29, he still has the speed Wannstedt loves, but Ditka questioned his ability to run effect vely inside. The addition of Heyward should correct any problems inside. The 300-pounder from New Orleans is a remarkable athlete, capable of amazing performances on the field and at the

dinner table. The Bears have experience with such athletes in the person of William "The Refrigerator". Perry, Heyward exchanged places with Brad Muster an effective but completely different type of player. Darren Lewis was effective in relief of Anderson and Mark Green is a dependable reserve.

Conway's speed should make the entire offense more effective. A college track man, Conway is a former quarterback who came out early and lacks experience at wide receiver. But he will provide immediate help as a kick returner and instant problems as a deep threat regardless of whether he makes a lot of catches. Starters Wendell Davis and Tom Waddle are similar tough receivers who get open and catch everything but their combined 100 receptions last year resulted in only six touchdowns. Anthony Morgan is a deep threat who averaged 23 yards on his 14 receptions, but he has been hampered by a knee injury. After losing tight end James Thornton to the Jets, the position is open to Keith Jennings and Kelly Blackwell to fill, with third-rounder Chris Gedney also a factor.

The offensive line is counting on the coaching touch of Tony Wise whose work with the Cowboys was a huge reason for their suc-





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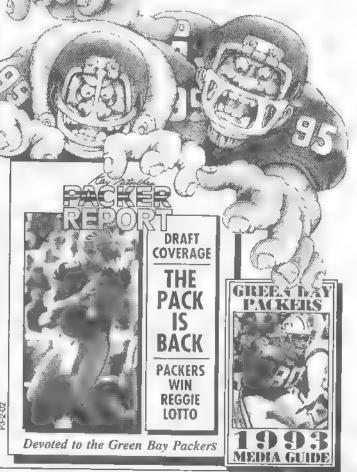
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cess. The Bears are aging and injured where they once were solid and healthy. Left tackle Troy Auzenne started every game as a rookie. Left guard Mark Bortz is fighting various injuries in his 11th season. Center Jerry Fontenot was outstanding as a replacement for Jay Hilgenberg. Right guard Tom Thayer's future is in doubt after back surgery, so second-year man Jay Leeuwenburg will get a look. Right tackle Keith Van Horne starts his 13th season. Wise will try to get 1991. No. 1 choice. Stan Thomas on the field and develop 340-350-pound projects. Louis. Age. and. James. Williams. John Wojciechowski is a valuable backup at guard and tackle.

Wannstedt loves to rotate defensive linemen and appears to have plenty of bodies to use provided Richard Dent resolves a contract dispute Dent could share time with last year's No. 1 rookie. Alonzo Spellman, at right end. Left end Trace Armstrong looks like a fixture and 35-year-old tackle. Steve McMichael is coming off a 10½-sack season that was his second-best in 13 years. The overweight Perry is coming off knee surgery and is now 31 years old, so his play could be limited by the use of young Chris. Zorich and Tim Ryan and the addition of rookie Carl Simpson.

The Bears ost middle linebacker Mike Singetary to retirement, but they like Dante Jones, who waited patiently for five years to start if Wannstedt's plan to use Jones inside and Ron Cox and Seattle pickup Joe Cain outside pans out, the linebacking trio will have 10 career starts among them. But Wannstedt prefers speed to experience. Cox hasn't been able to stay healthy enough to beat out steady veterans Ron Rivera or Jim Morrissey. Cain was a backup with the Seahawks. John Roper dropped from eight to two sacks as the starting left linebacker and will compete if signed.

The addition of cornerback Tony Blaylock



from San Diego will tighten up a secondary where left corner Donnell Woolford is on the verge of all-pro-status. He started every game for the first time and finished second in the NFC with seven interceptions. Lem Stinson. Jeremy Lincoln, and Richard Fain will compete for reserve spots. At free safety. Mark Carrier seeks to regain his rookie form, when he made 10 interceptions. Two years ago, he

made two interceptions and last year, he had none Strong safety Shaun Gayle is one of the best when injury-free Markus Paul and converted corner John Mangum are backups

Kicker Kevin Butler and punter Chris Gardocki went to the same Georgia high school at different times and combine to give the Bears a formidable tandem. Butler holds the NFL record of 24 field goals in a row. Gardock s 42 9-yard gross average was the best in 25 years in Chicago. Conway needs to improve the punt-return area. Darren Lewis finished among the top 10 kickoff-return men.





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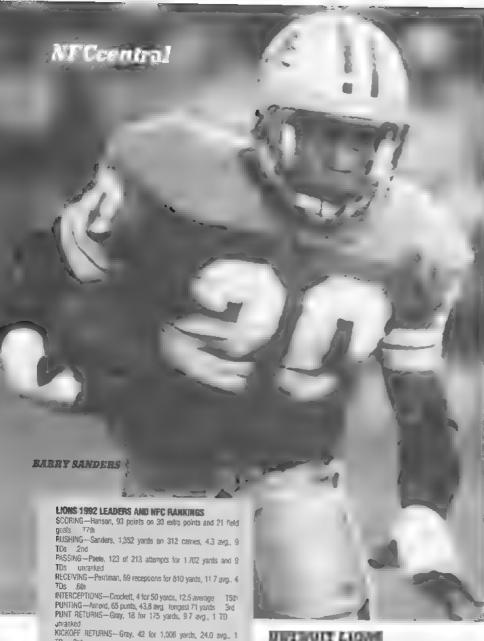
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From first to worst is a short trip in the NFC Central Division, as the Lions painfully discovered in 1992. Their consolation is that the trip back can be just as quick because there are no dominant Bears or Vikings or Packers teams who are clear favorites anymore

"We had a poor record, but we weren't a bad football team," coach Wayne Fontes said

Hoping poor luck is behind them, the Lions jumped into free agency with open arms and landed three starting offensive linemen in Dave Lutz, Bill Fralic, and Dave Richards They made runs at Reggie White and Derrick Thomas and for one day, courted Joe Montana. Not satisfied at coming in second-best. they traded for New Orleans pass rusher Pat Swilling on draft draft to fill a long-time need They are determined to prove that 1992 was the fluke, not 1991, when they beat the Dallas Cowboys to get into the NFC championship game A fifth-place schedule will help, with New England, Phoenix twice, and Seattle joining the usual division suspects. Only the

Packers, Vikings, Saints, and 49ers had winning records among their 1992 opponents.

But of all the holes that got filled, quarterback remains the potential gaping pitfall. The pass at Montana was an afterthought precipitated by Montana in an apparent attempt to drive up the price with Kansas City The Lions backed out as soon as they got in. They had other problems at the time. Fontes promised to name a starting quarterback by training camp. Rodney Peete can't shake the injury bug and Andre Ware finally showed some promise at the end of the year, starting the final three games. Ne ther has proven he is the answer. When the Lions won the division, Enk Kramer was at the controls. He no longer is a factor, but his success in 1991 makes the Lions think that both Peete and Ware have the ability to come through. Peete's 80 passer ratng coming off a 1991 Achilles' heel injury was impressive, and he was so beat up behind a patchwork line at the beginning of last season that it is unfair and premature to give up on him. Ware, the No 1 draft choice in 1990, started the final three games and threw three touchdown passes and four interceptions. He also became the Lions' second-leading rusher, with 124 yards in just 20 scrambles

When quarterbacks and offensive lines and all else fails, the Lions still have Barry Sanders. He finished fourth in the league in rushing with 1,352 yards, 48 more than he gained when he led the league in 1990. But the yards



are getting tougher every year. As a rookie, he averaged 5.3 yards a carry. It was 5.1 his second year, 4.5 his third, 4.3 last year. As the numbers go down, Sanders' reputation stays steady. It is not his fault that tragedy decimated the offensive line or that changes in offensive philosophy continue to tear at continuity The Lions must decide whether they are a runand-shoot team. Offensive coordinator Dan

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Henning is an advocate of tight-end power football on a team that rescued tight end Rodney Holman from Cincinnati's scrap heap. To back up Sanders, who never gets a rest, the Lions added Dallas castoff Curvin Richards

The emergence of Herman Moore into a big-play wide receiver was the most pleasant development for the 1992 offense. His spectacular catches helped make Ware's job look easy With an average of 18.9 yards per catch Moore belies the notion that he is a possession receiver without deep speed. He is the whole package, nicely complemented by speedy Brett Perriman, who led the team in receptions for the second year in a row. The Lions consider Perriman, return man Mel Gray, and Swilling "gifts" from the Saints. Willie Green led the team in touchdown catches with five, but Reggie Barrett caught only four passes all year, not a good sign in a fourreceiver set. The Lions expect more from him



The Lions' No. 1 priority of the offseason was to obtain blockers in free agency Still recovering from the loss of former starting guards Mike Utley and Eric Andolsek, the Lions struggled on the offensive line all season, with left tackle Lornas Brown a lonely Pro Bowl performer Lutz should line up at right tackle, replacing Scott Conover and Larry Tharpe Fralic is the right guard, where Ken Dallafior, Jack Linn, and Dennis McKnight played. Richards is the left guard, where Shawn Bouwens and Mike Hinnant were positioned Center Kevin Glover is expected back from injury. At tight end, when and if the Lions decide to use tight ends, Holman is joined by second-year pro Thomas McLemore

Swilling adds instant credibility to a defense that fell from 15th to 20th and was 25th in sacks. Since the knee injury to Mike Cofer, the Lions have not been able to put anybody on the field who could bring pressure off the corner They made Swilling rich with a free-agent offer after the 1991 season that the Saints matched They pursued Thomas and finally got Swilling for a No. 1 and a No. 4 pick cheaper than the cost would have been under the old system. Swilling's forte is beating the count in noisy domed stadiums, perfect for extending his career from the Superdome to the Silverdome. He will make the entire defense better. His acquisition immediately

quieted any second-guessing about dumping nose tackle Jerry Ball to Cleveland after his unproductive season

The expected development of down lineman Robert Porcher and linebacker Tracy Scroggins in their second seasons should make new defensive coordinator Hank Bulrough's job more enjoyable. With big ends Marc Spindler and Dan Owens, third-year end Kelvin Pritchett, and nose tackle Lawrence Pete, Bullough has several possible combinations. The addition of third-round linebacker Antonio London joining Scroggins, Tracy Hayworth, and the versatile George Jamison gives Bullough more options around Swilling at outside linebacker. Inside backer Chris Spielman continues to be a model of the consummate pro. Even without a strong line in front of him, or maybe because of it, Spielman made 146 tackles last year, and he doesn't even play every down. Dennis Gibson is the other inside starter with Victor Jones and John Derby in reserve

The Lions lost two cornerbacks to free agency in Melvin Jenkins and Sheldon White, so they were ecstatic to get Ryan McNeil from Mami in the second round of the draft. He will





get a chance to start opposite Ray Crockett with strong safety William White and free safety Bennie Blades providing the heart of the secondary. Blades played hurt and still hits like few others at his position

Rookie place-kicker Jason Hanson was outstanding as the Lions continue to field some of the league's premier special teams under the gung-ho direction of Frank Gansz. Jim Arnold is the punter and Mel Gray comes off an injury as the league's best combination return man

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#### TEMPA BAY BUCCAMEEDS

After six years of trying to win with Vinny Testaverde, the Buccaneers are going to try to win without him After six years of breaking promises, changing coaches, and making excuses, the Bucs gave up on their 1987 franchise quarterback and are back on the drawing board. Now what?

Coach Sam Wyche's enthusiasm made a great impression on the wonderfully patient Tampa Bay faithful in his first season. After 10 years of losing 10 games or more the Bucs remain a civic treasure only because area sports fans real ze they can lose more than games in these parts. See baseball Just happy to have a football team to kick around, the good cit zens remain loyal to a fault.

If Testaverde were the only savior to fail, he could be forgotten. The fans would have to be reminded that he was a nice guy who tried to play quarterback and went off to live happily ever after in Cleveland. But somehow there remains the lingering suspicion that Vinny wasn't the only target to blame. The Bucs made Broderick Thomas the sixth pick in the 1989 draft. Still waiting. They made Keith McCants the fourth pick in the 1990 draft. Still can't They made Chris Chandler the second pick (via a trade) of their 1991 draft. Who? They made Charles McRae the seventh pick of the 1992 draft. Jury out

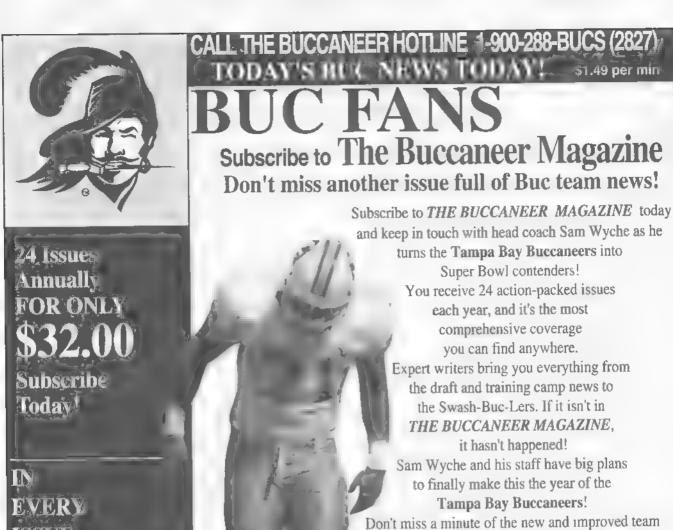
That brings us to 1993 Eric Curry was the sixth pick of the draft. He was hired to do similar things to quarterbacks that Thomas and McCants were hired to do Over the last 10 drafts, the only 'franchise' player the Bucs have se ected in the first round was the 1988 pick, tackie Paul Gruber. They designated him their "franchise' exemption to free agency and as tifurns out, they may lose him, too.

Having tried to build around quarterbacks before (Jack Thompson, Chandler, Testaverde), the Bucs passed up ail the big-name free-agent quarterbacks and Wyche insisted he was happy with Craig Erickson and Mike Pawiawski, last year's rookies, and with Steve DeBerg, the oldest player in football DeBerg



threw 125 passes, Erickson 26, and Pawlawski none last year when the Bucs actually saw improvement on offense with Testaverde, rising from 26th to 16th. Their norease of 48.1 yards per game was the biggest jump in the league. But not only did they dump Testaverde after his best completion percentage of his career, they lost receiver Mark Carrier to Cleveland too.

Wyche concentrated on adding defensive help via free agency and came up with at least



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two starters in Pittsburgh tinebacker Hardy Nickerson and Washington cornerback Martin Maynew Speed is a vital ingredient missing in the offense, but the Bucs felt they needed to address a defense that fell from a respectable 11th in 1991 all the way to 25th, an embarrassing turnaround for coordinator Floyd Peters.

If the quarterback finds his way into Wyche's plans, he can hand off to Reggie Cobb, one of a few Buccaneers who could start for a lot of teams. His 1,171 yards were good for seventh in the league and his nine touchdowns more than doubled the production of any of his teammates. Adding Vince Workman from the Packers in free agency was a good move that will lighten Cobb's workload. Anthony McDowel, developed as a blocker and receiver at fullback as a rookie

Carrier's departure places an extra burden on receiver Lawrence Dawsey, whose 60 catches led the club last year. He would benefit by a deep threat on the other side Courtney Hawkins and Charles Wilson need to develop Third-round pick Lamar Thomas and fourthrounder Horace Cope and, teammates from Mami, will get long looks Tight end is a strength with steady Ron Hall complemented by young Tyji Armstrong Hall equaled his career best of 39 catches in just 12 games before a knee injury ended his season Rookie Armstrong took over and improved more than any player Wyche could recall

Gruber completed his fifth season without missing so much as a snap, an impressive fact considering he plays the demanding left tackle spot. The Bucs were bracing for a prolonged contract problem with the unsigned Gruber when they lured former all-pro left tackle Anthony Munoz out of retirement for a one-year reunion with his old coach from Cinc'nnat. Munoz is versatile enough to fill in at guard or push the slowly developing Charles McRae at right tackle. The guards are lan Beckles and Bruce Remers, the latter a former Munoz teammate postponing retirement at Cincinnati-South Center Tony Mayberry is solid and reserves Rob Taylor, Tom McHale, and Mike Sullivan are versatile

It is on defense where the question marks linger. Peters converted Chris Doleman into a dominating right end in Minnesota and has tried to do the same with McCants. So far not good if Curry can step in as expected and provide the quick, upfield pass rush, McCants will be looking for new territory. If it's at line-backer, what happens to Thomas, whose per-

formance slipped from 1991 to 1992? McCants and Thomas had five sacks apiece, combining to equal the number put up by Santana Dotson, an impressive rookie tackle Dotson burst onto the scene with 25 quarterback pressures 11 tackles for losses, and 10 sacks. He could play end if required Feltow rookie tackle Mark Wheeler was also outstanding with five sacks and an ability to play the run. Left end Ray Seals had five sacks while fighting injury.

Nickerson, Pittsburgh's leading tackier, will stabilize a linebacking crew in need of changes. Second-rounder Demetrius DuBose and Nickerson are expected to start right away somewhere in the unit manned ast season by Thomas, Jimmy Williams, and Darrick Brownlow. DuBose and Nickerson both play inside, where Brownlow impressed. Wyche, but DeBose could move outside. Williams led the front seven in tackies at the advanced inebacker age of 32. Calvin Tiggle ex-Packer Reggle Burnette, and young Eiljah Alexander full out the depth chart.

The Bucs improved from 25th to 11th against the run, but their pass defense was the worst in the league. Since left cornerback Ricky Reynolds is one of the league's most underrated cover men, defensing a team-record 24 passes the Buc problems in the secondary are apparent. That's why the addition of Mayhew was so important. He'll take over the right side, where Milton Mack, Roger Jones, Garry Lewis, and Darryl Pol ard labored a year ago. Strong safety Marty Carter led the team in tackles with 118 but both safety spots are open for competition with the addition of Cincinnati's Barney Bussey and third-rounder John Lynch from Stanford.

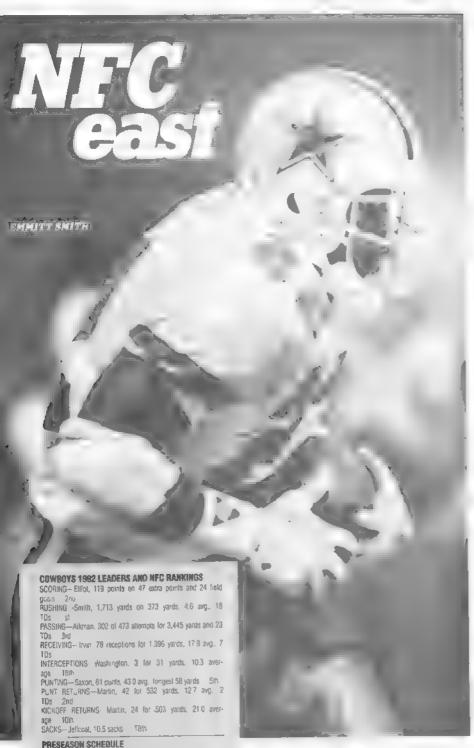


ty Tony Covington missed practically the entire season with a knee injury, and replacement Darrel. Fullington was beaten out by Joe King by the end of the year.

The special teams were unimpressive. After losing kicker Steve Christie to Buffalo in Pian B, they never recovered. Eddie Murray was a stopgap. Punter. Dan Stryzinski was adequate, but the Bucs finished 27th in the NFL in overal special-teams rankings.

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At Minnesota. 18 At N.Y. Jels At N Y Grants four years, Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson were forced by circumstance to pretty much maintain the status quo during the last offseason Some status quo. The Cowboys were not only Super Bowl champions, they were the youngest team in the league Sticking together is not a bad idea. Jones is convinced that young, hungry players who fit nicely under the salary cap will become the nucleus of all good teams in the future. The Cowboys won with 12 starters who haven't yet qualified for unrestricted free agency While teams all around them scrambled to

catch up through free agency and the draft the Cowboys circled their wagons. Their first

order of business was to sign pass rusher Charles Haley before he could shop on the open market. Although the Cowboys had a right of first refusal on Haley, they got the job done before outrageous offers could turn his head Adding Haley and plugging in several young defensive players made the difference in the Cowboys' turnaround from an average defense to the No. 1 unit in the league

Replacing coordinator Dave Wannstedt. who went to Chicago, was another priority But Johnson claimed he has made staff changes nearly every year he has coached Defensive line coach Butch Davis assumed Wannstedt's role, and the Cowboys believe nobody will be able to tell the difference. The last three Super Bowl winners have played in the NFC East, making it difficult to repeat even as division champions. Dallas nevertheless is favored again because no team looks better Despite all the changes by all their rivals, the Cowboys will be tough to catch

Troy Aikman is reason enough to make the Cowboys favorites. He finished as the hottest quarterback in football, beating Steve Young on his home turf and blowing away Jim Kelfy in the Super Bowl Over the last nine weeks, he threw 20 touchdown passes and only three interceptions. In three playoff victories, Aikman threw eight touchdown passes and no interceptions as the Cowboys outscored the Eagles, 49ers, and Bills 116-47. It was Alkman's first experience as a playoff quarterback after two years of frustrating injuries. He became only the second quarterback drafted No. 1 overall to take his team to the top, joining Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw After completely fulfilling his potential, there is only one thing



remaining to do it again and again Health appears the only obstacle. Aikman, unlike Washington's Mark Rypien the year before. demonstrated more skills to serve him well over the long hau

Losing backup quarterback Steve Beuerlein in free agency was expected, but losing him to Phoenix was a double blow because the Cowboys must face him twice a year. New England's Hugh Millen, his replacement, gives the Cowboys a mature, experienced backup who should be happy to jump from a 2-14 team to the top

Emmitt Smith is the next key to success. His contract expired after three brilliant seasons but the first runner to win back-to-back rush ing titles since Eric Dickerson received no offer sheet as a restricted free agent because rival clubs figured the Cowboys would only match whatever they offered Smith also would cost a competing team a No. 1 and a No. 3 draft choice. A workhorse and scoring threat, Smith ran for 1713 yards, breaking Tony Dorsett's club record and scored 19 touchdowns, the most in the league since Jerry Rice's 23 n 1987. No other halfback is better near the goal line. After dumping young Curvin Richards behind Smith, the Cowboys went with Derrick Gainer, At fullback, the development of Dary Johnston was a welcome sight. Talented as a lead blocker, Johnston became a receiving and running threat, especially after tight end Alfredo Roberts got hurt Tommie Agee is the backup.

Michael Irvin and Alvin Harper are the best pair of young receivers in the league, with Harper biossoming in his second year to complement Irvin perfectly. Their size enables both to be dangerous downfield targets even If they aren't the fastest pair in the league. Losing third receiver and kick-return specialist Kelvin Martin to Seattle hurt, but Johnson quickly dipped into his reservoir of taient at the University of Miami and came up with Kevin Williams. The Cowboys did it after trading down, of course, to pick up an extra draft choice Jones also made sure Will ams pecame the first drafted rooke to sign a contract. Second-year man Jimmy Smith should be ready to contribute after a broken leg wiped out his rookie season. Jay Novacek

KEN NORTON

went to the Pro Bowl after leading all tight ends with 68 receptions, only 10 behind teammate Irvin. The return of Roberts is questionable, so the Cowboys need to upgrade the position for blocking purposes

The Cowboys also lost offensive line coach Tony Wise to Chicago Wise turned a tine that nelped the Cowboys finish 28th on offense in 1990 into an effective unit that jumped all the way to fourth last season. Without a No. 1 draft choice in the bunch, the Dalias line must get at least some credit for protecting Aikman and paving the way for Smith. Right guard. John Gesek graded out best, and right tackle. Erik Williams is a future star. Left tackle. Mark Tuiner and left guard. Nate Newton played except onally, well and center. Mark Stepnoski joined Newton at the Pro Bowl. Alan Veringrad. Kevin Gogan, Frank Cornish, and long-snapper. Dale. Hellestrae, are backups on a unit where Tuiner. 33 is the oldest.

The signature of the defense is the rotation of fresh bodies, especially on the front, where tackles Russell Maryland Tony Casillas, Leon Lett, and Jimmie Jones took turns creating havoc in the middle. Left end Tony Tolbert had 8½ sacks as a starter and replacement Jim Jeffcoat had 10½ to lead the club. Right end Haley who rarely rested had six sacks, but twice as many hurries as anybody else.

The linebackers also rotate, with Ken Norton Jr the only starter to stay on the field at all



times. He was the unsung hero on a defense so integrated that nobody made the Pro Bowl despite its No. 1 ranking. In the Super Bowl, Norton demonstrated the mistake to his voting peers. He is the weakside backer who moves to the middle in nickel situations, replacing rookie Robert Jones. Strongs de backer Vinson Smith shared time with Godfrey Myles, who blew out a knee in the Super Bowl and is not expected back in 1993. That's why Johnson drafted quick, undersized inebacker Darrin Smith of Miami right after. Williams in the second round. Dixon Edwards and Mickey Pruitt also are valuable reserves.

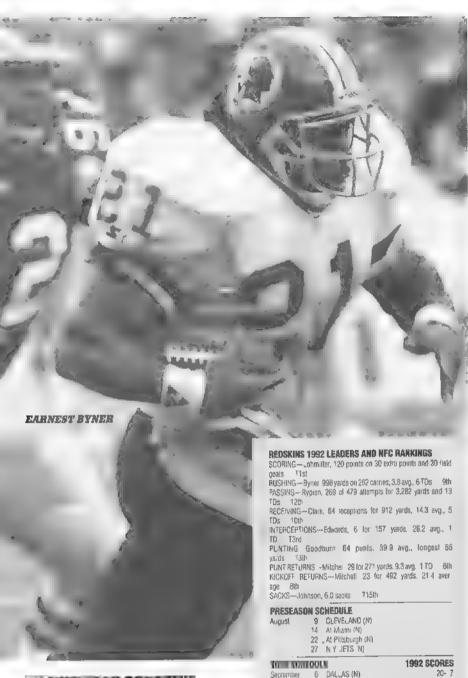
Changes in the secondary put the icing on the Cowboy cake Larry Brown emerged from the 12th round in 1991 to nail down the right cornerback spot for a second season and rookie Kevin Smith broke into the starting I neup in the last six games on the left side, replacing issiac Holt Second-year man Clayton Holmes backs them up. At strong safety, Thomas Everett arrived from Pitsburgh in time to solidify the entire unit, James Washington and nickel back Kenny Gant shared the interception lead with three apiece Darren Woodson is expected to challenge for a starting job in his second season.

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WASHINGTON REDSKINS

No Joe Gibbs is a blow for the Redskins No successor's better qual fied than Richie Petitbon, but no team can unplug a coach as successful as Gibbs and not expect some transition pains. Pet thon naturally wants to keep up Gibbs's good work, and he is better suited to the task than Ray Handley was in following Bill Parcells, but this will not be easy Petitbon is taking over a playoff team, a team one year removed from a dominant Super Bowl winning season. Expectations are much higher in Washington than they are in, say Chicago, where Dave Wannstedt is replacing Mike Dilka or in New York, where Dan Reeves takes over for Handley.

The Redskins are an aging team that was restricted in their pursuit of free agents and confined by the looming salary cap. There will be tough decisions as Petitbon is forced to break up his old gang and start fresh. Fortunately, Petitbon is not afraid of decisions and

appears willing to try things more quickly than Gibbs was. Gone are the days of rookies sitting quietly on the bench while learning from veterans. Experience and loyalty are nice attributes, the kinds that especially fit Gibbs's style. Petitbon may be less patient. When asked about quarterback Mark Rypien, for ex-

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ample, Petitbon said: "He didn't play very well He's got to play better." There is no beating around the bush from Petitbon

To the Redskins' advantage is a continuity of coaching that is Gibbs's legacy. Few organizations enjoy such stability. Petitbon arrived in Washington three years before Gibbs, who benefited from a staff that was well-paid and well-treated. The Redskins will not have to deal with many changes in offensive or defensive strategy or philosophy. Changes in per-

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6	<ol> <li>Moore, Darryl.</li> </ol>	-G	6-2	292		UTEP .
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	5 Rogers, Ted:	LB	6-2			Williams
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1	<ol> <li>Rypien, Mark</li> </ol>	QB	6-4	234	31	Washington St.
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	9 Schlereth, Mark	G	6-3			idabo
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7	6 Sammons, Ed	T				E. Washington
2	4 Stock, Mark	WR	6-0	188	27	100
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7	5 Williams, Eric	DT	6-4	290		
5	4 Wilson, Bobby	DT	6-2	283	3 25	Michigan State

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1	Carter. Tom	DB	5-11	187	Notre Dame	
2	Brooks, Reggie	RB	5-7	209	Notre Dame	
3	Hamilton, Rick	"B	6.1	243	Central Florida	
3	Bunn. Ed.	. Р	6-2	185	JTEP	
4	Palmer Sterling	DE	6-6	258	Fiorida State	
5	Huntington Greg	·C	6-3	271	Penn State	
6	Morrison, Darryt	DB.	5-10	185	Arizona	
6	Wydrieck, Frank	TE	6-3	234	Maryland	
	Mallinouset smort				Southern Car	

sonnel are another matter. Petitibon got credit from Gibbs for making him look good as his defense bailed out Gibbs's offense on many occasions. Last year, when the offense si pped in so many statistical categories and Rypien fell from Super Bowl MVP to the NFC's owest-rated passer, it was the defense that stayed among the league's elite and helped the Redskins squeeze into the playoffs as a wild card with a 9-7 record.

The Redskins suffered some significant losses on the free-agent market when receiver Gary Clark went to Phoenix, cornerback Martin Mayhew went to Tampa Bay, and pass rushers Fred Stokes and Jumpy Geathers





went to the Rams and Atlanta, respectively. But Petitbon is convinced things will work out. He drafted cornerback Tom Carter No. 1 and signed defensive end Al Noga from Minnesota and receiver Tim McGee from Cincinnati And there is last year's No. 1 draft choice, receiver Desmond Howard, an unused commodity Petitbon can't wait to see in action

Rypien is not only coming off a disappointing year, he is coming off shoulder surgery After being sacked only seven times during h.s Super Bowl season. Rypien went down 23 times ast season and five more times in two playoff games. Of more concern is how Rypien played when he was standing up. He threw 13 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions and overthrew Clark so many times it drove Clark to Phoenix. Before he left, Gibbs promised to allow second-year pro Cary Conklin a chance to compete in training camp. Petitbon is eager to see Conklin, too, recalling that Conklin's 1992 preseason appearances were full of promise. Chris Hakei another strong-armed kild from Washington's injured reserve cradle of quarterbacks, is ex-





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pected to replace Jeff Rutledge as No. 3.

Howard caught only three passes last season at a cost of about \$1 million per grab. He returned a lateraled punt for a touchdown, but returned only six punts overall and 22 k.ckoffs. hardly a representative season for the 1991 Heisman Trophy winner. He will fit into Clark's spot, with Ricky Sanders and Art Monk in the three-wideout set and McGee looking for new ife on a team that needs him. Stephen Hobbs is coming off an injury. Sanders is coming off an outstanding season. Monk is now the league's all-time leading receiver, but his 46 catches were a 10-year low and an indication of the future. H-back Terry Orr led the team in average per catch at 16 2 yards on 22 receptions, not a good sign for an offense that terrorized teams in 1991 with its long passing game. Orr led the club in that category in 1991 as well, but it was on only 10 catches. Clark, meanwhile, slipped from 19 yards to 14 Ron Middleton is the blocking tight end and Don Warren is near the end of his career

Speed at running back is a concern the team addressed with the selection of Notre Dame's Reggie Brocks in the second round Brocks is in the short, stocky mold of Ricky Ervins, who didn't play as well last year as he did in '91. Reliable unspectacular Earnest Byner fell two yards short of becoming Washington's first threepeeat 1,000-yard rusher, but his long run was 23 yards. Kick-return specialist Brian Mitchell was so impressive against Minnesota in the playoffs in a reserve role that he will get a short at more carries.

Injuries ravaged the offensive line, forcing Raleigh McKenzie to spend time at center, guard, and tackle, once in the same game. His heroics should get him Pro Bowl votes on a line where he is surrounded by Pro Bowl reputations. Left tackle Jim Lachey, right guard Mark Schlereth, center Jeff Bostic, and right tackle Ed Simmons all were hampered or stopped by injury. Joe Jacoby, Ray Brown, Mike Haight, and Matt Elliott all started at times. Mo Elewonibi is coming off a knee injury.

Petitbon's defensive line lost pass rushers Stokes and Geathers, but still has Charles Mann and expects Eric Williams and Bobby Wilson off the injured list. Second-year man Shane Collins showed promise and should replace Stokes, with newcomer Noga solidly in the picture, Jason Buck a versatile reserve, and fourth-rounder Sterling Palmer another welcome addition

While signing outside linebacker Wilber Marshall is expected to take time, the Redskins like their group of Marshall, Kurt Gouveia, and Andre Collins, with the ageless Monte Coleman, young John Brantley, and veteran Ravin Caldwell Joining them is third-round inside backer Rick Hamilton

Carter fell into Petitbon's lap as the top cornerback in the draft, filling a position of need Darrell Green is fighting injury as much as opposing receivers. A. J. Johnson replaces Mayhew. Alvoid Mays, Sidney Johnson, and Johnny Thomas are backups in a defense that puts considerable pressure on the corners Strong safety Danny Copeland and free safety Brad Edwards return, backed by Todd Bowles and Terry Hoage

Chip Lohmiller is as good a kicker as there is despite an uncharacteristic six misses between 30-39 yards. Kelly Goodbum's net punting average of 32.7 yards was the second-lowest in the NFC and Mitchell's returns weren't enough to keep the Redskin special teams from slipping to 26th in the NFL.



### SALLILLES F. D. C. S. C. C. C. SCORING—Hampton, 84 points on 14 louchdown runs 11th RUSHING—Hampton, 1141 yards on 257 carnes, 4.4 avg. 14 PASSING-Simms, 83 of 137 attempts for 912 yards and 5 RECEIVING-McCattrey 49 receptions for 610 yards, 12.4 avo., 5 TDs T22rd INTERCEPTIONS—Jackson, 4 for 71 yards, 17 98 average PUNTING—Landeta, 53 punts, 43.7 avg iongest 71 yards 4th PUNT RETURNS Meggett, 27 for 240 yards, 8.9 average 7th KICKOFF RETURNS: Meggett, 20 for 455 yards, 22 8 avg., 1 TD. 4th SACKS Taylo 5.0 sacks T174 At Cincinnali (N) PITTSBURGH (N) NY JETS (N) A Mart N 1993 SCHEDULE 1992 SCORES TAMPA BAY LA RAMS 19 17-38 OPEN DATE Ortober At Buffaro (N) At Washington 24.7 PHIL SIMMS PHILADELPHIA 34-47 OPEN DATE 31 N.Y JETS. November Al Darlas 3-30 WASHINGTON At Philadelphia. PHOENOC. At Miami IND ANAPOLIS. At New Greans (H) 0-19 DALLAS

#### REWITCHE CLEARS

The Giants are rebuilding with used parts. Philipsimms is back. Lawrence Taylor is back. Dan Reeves is coach. It is a transition period before the Dave Browns and Derek Browns and Michael Strahans develop, Just hand Rodney Hampton the ball and be quiet for a year or two and see what happens

In demonstrating the short trip from the penthouse to the outhouse, the Grants and Ray Handley performed a public service last season. It was unsettling to watch the 1990 Super Bowl champions deteriorate into a motley crew of dissidents, but it served as a reminder of how fame is fleeting and fans are fickle. In New York, it was truly the No Fun League in 1992. When the season mercifully ended, with Taylor hurt, Simms in limbo, Carl Banks complaining, Enc Moore arrested, and Handley fired, is it any wonder that GM George Young had to turn to his third choice as coach Tom Coughlin of Boston College declined So did Dave Wannstedt of the Cowboys. Reeves, three-time Super Bowl runnerup in Denver, called to say he was available He got the job, which is considerable

The first step forward was to take a step backward Reeves anointed Simms his No 1 quarterback and the Giants rewarded him with a two-year contract worth \$5.05 million. In calling once again on the 37-year-old Simms, the Giants gave up on Jeff Hostetler, their 1990 Super Bowl quarterback. One reason is that Simms related better to 1992 supplemental No. 1 draft choice Dave Brown and to an-



other 1992 rookie quarterback, Kent Graham In playing four games before going down with an elbow injury. Simms became just the 14th passer in NFL history to throw for 30 000 yards. Graham showed a live arm in subbing for the injured Hostetler. Brown is the future and looked good in practice, but he is only 23 years old.

Hampton is the present, one of the league's top five running backs, and as versatile as anybody this side of Thurman Thomas. He was sensational in his third season and is only 24, dispelling the notion that the Giants are an

ancient team. Hampton rushed for 1,141 yards, joining Joe Morris as the only Giants to surpass 1,000 in consecutive seasons. His 28 receptions were a career low and falled to take advantage of his considerable passcatching skills. Hampton's blocking mate, Jarrod Bunch, fived up to his first-round promise in his second season, rushing for 501 yards and a 4.8 average white blocking with the best of them. Although third-down threat David Meggett didn't have quite his usual electrifying year, he remains one of football's most dangerous weapons, still the prototype thirddown specialist. With capable backup runner Lewis Tillman and ageless O.J. Anderson still competing, the Gants group of running backs is second to none

The receiving corps got a jolt with the defection of Mark Ingram, who didn't give the Giants a chance to match his offer from the Miami Dolphins. The Giants recovered by signing two free agents. Denver's Mark Jackson and San Francisco's Mike Sherrard Jackson was one of John Elway's big playmakers in Denver and Sherrard was a capable third receiver in San Francisco who wants to start Both will have to beat out Ed Mc-Caffrey, the big third-year man who led the club in receptions with 49 Stephen Baker remains the primary deep threat. At tight end the Giants drafted Derek Brown and Aaron Pierce 1-3 last year and got no early returns. Brown caught only four passes and Pierce was injured. Veteran Howard Cross started

The offensive line suffered a blow when guard Eric Moore was charged with three felony counts involving possession and intent to distribute anabolic steroids and human growth hormones. Moore pleaded not guilty and his case is pending. The Grants still have starting guards William Roberts and Bob Kratch, but Moore provided excellent depth Left tackte John El lott was named the team's "franchise" exception to free agency. With Doug Riesenberg at right tackle, the Giants have outstanding bookends backed by thirdyear man Clarence Jones Brian Williams wil get another chance to beat out center Bart Oates, at 34 the Giants' oldest starter.

The defense lost end Leonard Marshall to the crosstown Jets before it regained the services of Taylor Together, they formed a right side that became legendary in the NFL. Marshall never got the credit he deserved Although his production might have slipped, his shoes remain big and empty, with young Mike Fox and younger Keith Hamilton expected to fill them after the Giants falled in their bid to lure Reggie White Fox never has fit into the Giants' scheme Hamilton, who was born in 1971, played well as a rookie, determined to prove it was a mistake to allow him to slip to the fourth round. He was pushing left end Enc. Dorsey for playing time until the job on the right side became open. Nose tackle Erik Howard, like Dorsey, is a run-stopper. He was backed by rookie Corey Widmer last year. The selection of Michael Strahan with the first pick (second round) is another indication of the Giants' future strategy. The defensive end from Texas Southern was stationed with his father in the army in Germany and didn't play high school football until moving back as a senior. He is a project

The return of Taylor at the same price that kept Simms depends on his recovery from Achilles tendon surgery Taylor faces a huge challenge at age 34, the kind he appears to relish. Left linebacker Carl Banks, a big critic of the Handley/Rod Rust regime, must be rejuvenated on the other side. The Giants drafted Marcus Buckley because third-year man Kanavis McGhee is still struggling. The Giants paid dearly (three years, \$5.2 million) for free agent inside linebacker Carlton Bailey to help Pepper Johnson shore up a run defense that slipped from 16th in the league to 25th

Rookie cornerback Phillippi Sparks provided a bright spot in the secondary, where he filled in for the injured Mark Collins on the left side last season and is expected to challenge Perry Williams on the right side this time. Free salety Greg Jackson had an outstanding year, leading the team in interceptions with four and

forced fumbles with three. He was second in tackles Strong safety Myron Guyton is backed by Lamar McGriggs and rookie Corey Raymond The Giants lost backup and special-teams ace Reyna Thompson to New England, so Jesse Campbell and Mike Wright must assume the stack

The Glants paid punter Sean Landeta a whopping four-year \$3.2 million contract to stick around despite an anterior cruciate injury that knocked him out last season. Placekicker Matt Bahr also missed much of the season with injury, and was missed. Thompson will be hard to replace, but Meggett is one of the game's best return men

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58	Banks, Cart	LB	5-6	235	31	Michigan State
82	Brandes, John	TE	6-2	249	29	Cameron
17	Brandes, John Brown Dave	08	6-5	215	23	Duke
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33	Bunch, Jarrod	FB		248	25	Michigan
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37	Campbell, Jasse.	5		215		N.C. State
25	Collins, Mark	68		190	29	Cat-Fullerton
87	Cross, Howard .	. TE	8-5	245	26	Alabama
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71	Dillard, Stacey	DE	6-5	288		Oklahoma
77	Dorsey, Eric	DE	6-5	280		Notre Dame
76	Ellott, John	T	6-7	305		Michigan
73	Rythe, Mark	DE	6-7	290		Penn State
93	Fox, Mike	DE	6-6	275		West virginia
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29	Guyton Myron .	\$	6-1	205		E. Kentucky
75	Hamilton Keith	DE	6-6	280		Pildsburgh
27	Hampton, Rodney	. RB	5-11	215		Georgia
74	Howard, Erik	NT	5-4	268		Washington St
47	Jackson, Grag	S	8-1	200		LSU
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51	Powell, Andre	(9)	6-1	226	5 24	Perin State
39	Raymond, Corey	LD	5-11	180	24	LSU
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56	Taylor, Lawrence	18	6-3			
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59	Williams Brian		6-9			
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As soon as the NFL awards points for trying, the Cardinals will rank among league favortes Playing in the toughest division and threatened with a season-ticket base dwinding close to the 16,600 of basketball's Phoenix Suns, the Cardinats went to work during the offseason as never before

Owner Bill Bidwill's delayed decision to retain coach Joe Bugel was not the last decision. of a franch se determined to rise from its own ashes. After winning an NFC-low four games, the Cards were the first team to officially open the bidding for veteran free agents, calling prospective players at 12 01 A.M. on March 1 The Cards landed topflight receiver Gary Clark from the Redskins and top backup quarterback Steve Beuerlein from the Cowboys, creating double hits within a division so tough it has provided the last three Super Bowl champions. The Cards figured if they couldn't beat them, steal them. Getting director of college scouling Bob Ackles from the Cowboys may have been the most important heist

It didn't take geniuses to label Georgia running back Garrison Hearst as the best player in the draft, but it did take aggressiveness to make sure the Cardinais landed him. With the fourth pick, they traded away running back Johnny Johnson to the Jets to guarantee no one else would get Hearst. Then, with two

more picks in the top 32, the Cardinals made one more trade and came up with two huge offensive tackles, Ernest Dye and Ben Coleman, to shore up a line that is aging. The Cardinals lost all-pro safety Tim McDonald to San Francisco via free agency, but rebounded by signing another all-pro, Green Bay's Chuck Cecil, and a Philadelphia backup, John Booty

This is a team with a long way to go, but the offseason effort stirred Arizona fans who had grown cynical in only five short years. Beuerlein's acquisition was doubly impressive because the Cardinals were heavily involved in the pursuit of Joe Montana up until the last minute. When that fell through, the Cardinals were still able to land Beuerlein. The former Raider starter and Cowboy backup with starting playoff experience is expected to step right into the picture unless Chris Chandler has other ideas. Chandler took the job from the injured Timm Rosenbach last year and refused to give it back, posting career highes in virtually every offensive category. With Beuerlein, Chandler, and young Tony Sacca, the Cardinals think they have the ingredients to compete at the most important position

With Hearst, they know they have the running back. Despite an old knee injury discovered before the draft, Hearst left little doubt among scouts, who compared him with Buffalo's Thurman Thomas. Before the 1988 draft

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teams got scared of Thomas's knee and left him for Buffalo in the second round. Three Super Bowls later, the Bills send thanks. The Cards had no qualms about giving up Johnson to the Jets even after 156- and 146-yard games late in the season. Hearst is the readeal, an every-down, multitalented franchise player who will be allowed approximately 15

minutes to learn the playbook. The Cards were 26th in the eague in rushing last season-no way to make a dent in the NFC East They added running back Ron Moore in the draft to complement the backups ivory Lee Brown, Johnny Bailey, and Larry Centers Balev and Centers are valuable receivers.

Clark adds instant credibility to a receiving corps that already had consistency in Ricky Proehl and speed in Randal Hill Proehl is an emerging star who led the club with 60 receptions. HII had 58 and should benefit from the arriva; of the tough, competitive Clark, who has some life left after a stellar career in Washington, Tight ends Walter Reeves and Derek Ware and H-back Butch Rolle are expected to play important roles in the one-back attack featuring Hearst

The offens ve line needs to catch up fast to give Bugel a chance to fulfill B'dwill's expressed desire for a winning season. Left tackle Luis Sharpe is aging but still valuable After losing the versatile Danny Villa (12 starts at three positions) to Kansas City in free agency there are spots open for rookies Dye or Coleman, two 315-plus pounders who could challenge either Sharpe or right tackle Rick Cunningham Left guard Mark May 33, was the only player on the field for every snap Right guard Lance Smith was the only Internan to start every game at the same position. Veteran Bil Lewis fought injuries at center, where Ed Cunningham is expected to emerge in his second season. The Cards are strl waiting for Joe Wolf to fulfill his first-round promise after osing backup Vernice Smith to Chicago

While the newcomers create excitement on offense, it is Fritz Shurmur's defense that needs to continue developing for the Cards to have a chance it finished 24th in the league ast year, but over the last 11 games allowed opponents 100 yards rushing only three I mes, a sure sign of progress. After injuries to Inebackers Ken Harvey and Freddie Joe Nunn, the innovative Shurmur came up with a "Big Nickel" formation featuring four huge inemen, two inside backers and five backs

Eric Swann is fast developing from a prospect who never played college football to a force Whether the Cards played a 3-4 or a 4-3. Swann was effective at end and tackle on the left side. Paired beside the surprising 325pound rookie tack's Keith Rucker, Swann looked small at 300. Joined by second-year end Mike Jones, rookie Mike Bankston, and Tampa Bay acquisition Reuben Davis, Swann and Rucker gave Shurmur something to work with After Harvey and Nunn went down, inside backers Eric Hill and Tyronne Stowe answered the call and cornerback Lorenzo Lynch became the fifth back. With the return of Harvey from serious knee surgery questionable, the Cards are expected to stay with the 4-3 as the base defense

In the secondary big hitter Cecil is an Arizona kid who should make an impression if not totally fill the big shoes left by McDonald Cec-Il is not a strong safety and neither is Booty Michael Zordich is a capable free safety, but







adjustments obviously are in store in the middle At cornerback the Cardinals line up with two very good players in Aeneas Williams and Robert Massey After returning three interceptions for touchdowns, Massey earned a Pro-Bowl trip. Lynch is a capable reserve

Special teams are a bright spot, with punter Rich Camarillo and return man Bailey both Pro-Bowl players Camar llo kicked only two touchbacks and Chicago reject Bailey led the NFL in punt-return average. Place-kicker Greg Davis made only half of his 26 field-goar attempts and suffered from the deteriorating turf in Sun Devil Stadium

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#### FRITADELPHIA ENGLES

Only the 49ers and Bills have won more regular-season games than the Eagles over the ast five seasons. Only nine teams in NFL history have put together the impressive string of five 10-victory seasons the Eagles have enjoyed It's the postseason that kills Philadelphia. This year, the offseason was no friend, either Losing defensive star Reggle White to free agency was a blow that made the Eagles more defensive than ever

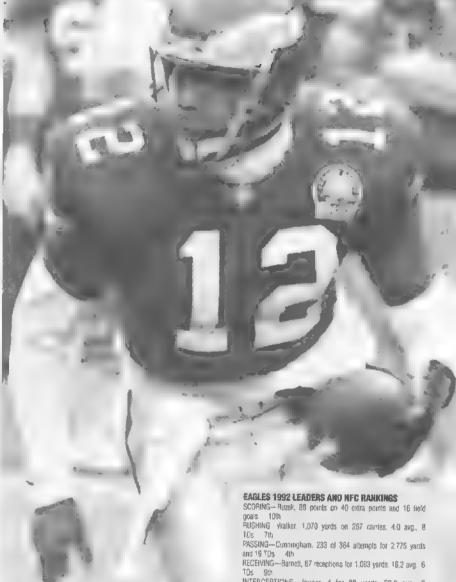
With owner Norman Braman scrambling before his team self-destructs, the Eagles signed 49er sacker Tim Harris to help close the wound left by the departure of White and the tragic death of Jerome Brown in the 1991 offseason. Using the supplemental pick they received for losing White (the Eagles get another No. 1 pick next year for White), they traded down in the draft to add quantity. (Braman also fought for additional picks after losing tight end Keith Jackson to free agency in 1992) If the Eagles lose linebacker Seth Joyner and defensive end Clyde Simmons, they expect more supplemental picks

The Eagles look like a team conceding to transition. They fielded the seventh-ranked offense and the sixth defense last year, but got blown out of the divisional playoffs, 34-10, by archrival Dal as They beat New Orleans for their first postseason victory since 1980, yet the defense that occasionally terrorizes oppo-



nents gave up 360 and 346 yards in the two playoff games. In four playoff losses since 1988, the Eagles have been outscored 92-35 Beating the Saints in New Orleans was supposed to knock the monkey off their backs But the loss to the Cowboys felt like a gor'lla climbing aboard. Coach Rich Kotite did a yeoman job painting a happy face on the situation. "This season has to be looked at as a positive, and as time goes on, people will do that, 'he said Indeed, it might have been as good as the Eag es are going to get

Randall Cunningham, once the franchise. was benched by Kotite during a slump follow-



ng a 4-0 start. His replacement, Jim McMahon, left via free agency. When Cunningham returned, he said the benching taught him nothing After McMahon left town so did the experienced David Archer, so the Eagles had only young Casey Weldon to back up Cunningham Cunningham's statistics were impressive, as usual. His passer rating of 87.3. ranked fifth in the league But doubts about his ability to elevate his team to another level become more real with every disappointing fin sh. The doubts only serve to increase the pressure and decrease the margin for error

RANDALL CUNNINGHAM

Losing top receiver Keith Jackson didn't help Cunningham or the Eagles' passing attack that dropped to 23rd in the league. Keith Byars replaced Jackson at tight end and caught 56 passes, but Byars is an unconventional player without a true position. While the Eagles were looking for more help at tight end signing the fading Mark Bavaro, Byars was looking for new hor zons in free agency, Big running back James Joseph is another Byarstype with receiving skills. Wide receiver Fred. INTERCEPTIONS-Joyner, 4 for 88 yards, 22.9 avg., 2

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age 12th SACKS—Simmons, 19.0 sacks 1st

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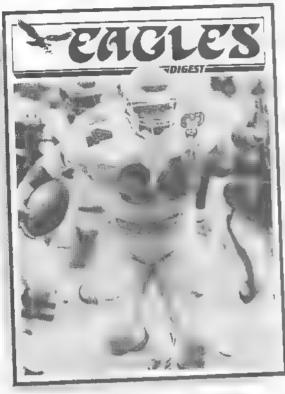
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Barnett developed into a Pro Bowl talent opposite Calvin Williams, who led the club in touchdown receptions. They give Cunningham two fine targets, and the draft of secondrounder Victor Barey should fill the need for a third wideout

After signing the unwanted Herschel Walker, the Eagles jumped from 21st to second in the NFL in rushing. Walker showed signs of ife with 1,070 yards (4.0 average) and eight touchdowns. But the real star of the backfield. became another forgotten player, Heath Sherman. Benched for a year and a half. Sherman. responded with 583 yards in only 112 carries—a league-leading 5.2 average—after the Eagles resurrected him. By season's end Sherman was the go-to guy

The offensive line took a free-agency hit with the departure of left tackle Ron Heller so the Eagles drafted Lester Holmes No. 1. Right tackle Antone Davis showed improvement in his second season and surprising guard Eric Floyd gives the Eagles two 310-plus pounders on the right's de Mike Schad was having his best season at left guard before a groin pull ended t early. Backups Daryle Smith, Rob

Selby, and Brian Baldinger are experienced, but the Eagles need starters to step up

The addition of Harris on defense fills the need for a pass rusher to replace White With right end Clyde Simmons and linebacker/ rusher Harris, the Eagles have the 1-2 sackers in football. But Harris played an unconventional rote in a 3-4 defense, rushing nearly all the time while others worried about the run. How he fits will be coordinator Bud Carson's probtem. White's backup was young Andy Harmon, who has the size and quickness suited for end if he can shake injuries. Simmons had 19 sacks (Harris had 17), including at least one in 12 games. He would be difficult to replace Backup ineman Leon Seals also left via free agency so the tackle spots are left to a combination of Mike Golic, Mike Pitts, and Tommy Jeter, First-round pick Leonard Renfro, who came out of Colorado early is more of an end and will get a chance to play in a hurry.

coyner had just as impressive a season in 1992 as he did in '91 when he was a Pro Bowl starter Like Washington's Wilber Marshal. Joyner is too well-rounded to put up the big sack numbers of the pass-rushing specialists He had 121 tackles and shared the team lead the Eagles a formidable left side next to White an unusual accomplishment for a pair of linebackers in a 4-3 defense. Right-side backer and developing player who has fine instincts Backups Ken Rose Scott Kowalkowski Britt

Hager, and Ephes ans Bart ey are tough, special-teams types

Injuries and late signings hampered the Eagles in their secondary as they fe'll from first to 12th in pass defense Safeties Andre Waters and Wes Hopk as both were knocked out by the end of the season. Pro Bowl cornerback End Allen is the crass of the unit and was complemented nicely by the surprising emergence of Mark McMillian, labeled by Carson as the best rookie cover man he had ever seen. His development helped fill the void created when a knee injury knocked Ben-Smith out for the season. The departure of safety John Booty and backup corner izel Jenkins necessitated the drafting of thirdrounders Derrick Frazier and Mike Reid

The return capability of Vai Sikahema was a highlight of the special teams. Roger Ruzek made only 16 of 25 field goals. Punter Jeff Feagles is coming off a good year,

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# AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERE

After a drought of impact players in the last several years, the AFC is suddenly awash in them.

by LARRY FELSER

**BUFFALO NEWS** 

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Name the ways the AFC could lose yet another Super Bowl

The Buffalo Bills could establish a record by advancing to a fourth straight Super Sunday, then bumble their way into ignominy

The Houston Oilers could reach their very first Super Bowl, read by four touchdowns at half time, and then lose the game in Oileresque fashion, as they blew their playoff game in Buffalo last January after compiling a 35-3 lead in the third quarter

San Diego might overachieve again this season, win the conference, and then be stricken with "buck fever," as it was in Mami when the Dolphins shut them out, 31-0, in the second round of the playoffs

Fate might take Miami to Atlanta next January, but the Dolphins are capable of showing up limp of zeal, as they were in the AFC championship game against Buffalo at home

Don't discount Pittsburgh, which could return to the Super Bowl for the first time in 15 years, then discover that it does not have the quarterback to make a game of it

Denver? Some AFC rooters don't even want to think about it

The long-running AFC depression mopes on The cycle of domination is almost certain to continue in 1993 in the NFC, where the three best teams in pro football reside, until some master stroke-or free agencychanges the NFL atmosphere

It might not take much. The Dolphins provided a preview last October when they signed Keith Jackson, the Philadelphia Eagles' all-pro tight end, who had been declared a free agent by the courts. Instantly, Jackson. became a favorite target of quarterback Dan Marino, Miami upset the Bills in Rich Stadium

in Jackson's debut, then went on to wrest the Eastern Division championship from Buffalo.

This season, both Kansas City and the Los Angeles Raiders used free agency to acquire quarterbacks who did win Super Bowls-for NFC teams. The Chiefs have switched to San. Francisco's offense and they hired the Master Joe Montana, to execute it. Now all they have to do is protect his abused body and give him. a supporting cast that is at least a reasonable facsimile of the one he had with the 49ers. The Ra ders signed Jeff Hostetler from the Giants Hostetler is not the Raiders' prototype big-arm quarterback, but he knows his way to the victory stand, a location his new team doesn't visit all that often anymore

The problem for the AFC, once again, is that it has many pretenders to its throne, but even after months of maneuvering in the free-agent market and then the college draft, there is no clear-cut favorite to end Buffalo's three-year hold on the championship. In fact, it isn't clear whether there will be an end to the Bills' run The only thing that is clear is that the conference should be much more competitive

The New York Jets leaped into free agency and came out with a number of glamorous aging players. Then they drafted the best defensive player in college football, Florida State linebacker Marvin Jones, and ended up with veteran running back Johnny Johnson in the bargain. The problem is that their new quarterback, ex-Bengal Boomer Esiason, hasn't played efficiently since 1989

Indianapolis bought itself most of an offensive line, signing the Bills. Pro Bowl tackle, Will Wolford and the Vikings' center Kirk Lowdermilk, but it still doesn't have the premer running back it seeks. Denver retooled its offensive line and backfield, but John Elway's corps of receivers is weaker. Miami signed aggressively, traded wisely, and drafted well, but the Dolphins still lost their most effective offensive lineman of last season, quard Harry Galbreath, and haven't solved their deficiencies at running back

The Raiders lost Ronnie Lott the great safety then drafted Patrick Bates, the best safety to come out of college football this year. They added Hostetler, offensive tackle Gerald Perry, and running back Gaston Green. They will probably end up with Rocket Ismail from the Canadian League But it still doesn't look like the group that will boost them to the top

Pittsburgh and San Diego basically ran in place. Houston stood pat. Kansas City's signing of Montana was the most dramatic move, but the Chiefs' protection allowed Dave Krieg to be sacked 48 times last year-and he's more mobile than Montana

Buffalo was diminished by free agency. The question is by how much? Wolford was a major loss. G enn Parker will be shifted from night quard to replace him, meaning there will be two changes in the line, which has been the heart of the offense. The Bills also lost two inside linebackers, starter Shane Conlan and backup Canton Balley, but they have been linebacker-rich for a couple of years and may be able to replace them. The other free-agency losses were fringe players. The Bills remain a talented team that does not have a great deal of age. The football world may be sick of seeing them lose in the Super Bowl, but that doesn't mean they won't show up for an unprecedented fourth consecutive appearance.

What could make a pronounced difference n the AFC races are altered strategies. Both Denver and Kansas City have changed to the

San Francisco style of passing attack, Jim Fassel who was Elway's quarterback coach at Stanford, was hired by the Broncos as their offensive coordinator to install the new systern There is an all-out commitment Rod Bernstine, a power back with good hands, was signed from San Diego as a free agent Robert Delpino, an accomplished third-down back was signed from the Rams. In addition. Denver drafted Stanford's Glyn Milburn, who played under Bill Walsh, the system's innovator, and before him for Denn's Green, who also used the 49er style Gaston Green, a traditional running back and the Broncos' leading ground-gainer, was traded to the Raiders

lohuny Johnson

Kansas City hired Paul Hackett, the exhead coach at the University of Pittsburgh who also worked under Waish at San Francisco. to nstar the offense It will help a great deal that Montana knows the system better than Hackett. The question in K.C. is whether the Ch efs have enough offensive players who can adapt well to the system

Defensively, a number of AFC teams will use a lot more four-man fronts than they have n the recent past, although few of them may covert fully to the 4-3 as their basic defense

The AFC's two new coaches, Bill Parceils in New England and Wade Phillips in Denver, are no rook es. The Patr ots already were a conservative offensive team before Parcells arrived, and he will maintain his usual philosophy 'Power football wins" It won him two Super Bowl rings with the Giants. The easygoing Phillips, long the Broncos' defensive coordinator, introduced a more re axed atmosphere to the team. Elway will operate under a less structured environment, and it could pay off

The most interesting change took place in Houston, but t didn't involve a head-coaching change -at east for now. The controversial Buddy Ryan was shoved down Jack Pardee's throat as his new defensive coordinator after the Oilers plew their huge lead in the infamous playoff game in Buffalo. The situation is volatile, to say the least

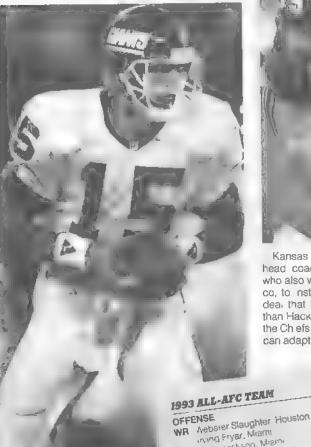
After a drought of impact p ayers in the last several years, the AFC is suddenly awash in them. There is Montana in Kansas City, Ronn e Lott and Jones with the Jets. Hostetler with the Raiders, Jackson in Miami, and the rookie quarterbacks who were the top two draft



picks. Drew Bledsoe in New England and Rick Mirer in Seattle Some of the individual honors for 1993 could go this way

- Rushing Thurman Thomas, Buffalo
- Passing, Joe Montana, Kansas City
- Receiving Webster Slaughter, Houston
- MVP Offense Ude Montana
- MVP Detense Eugene Robinson, Seattle
- Offensive Rookie of the Year Natrone Means, San Diego
- Defensive Rookie of the Year Marvin Jones, New York

Coach of the Year Wade Phillips Denver





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The Bills may have been written off by the public after their Super Bowl atrocity against Dailas but they remain determined to get it right once and for all. Keep in mind that this is, essentially, the same team that overcame a third-quarter 32 point deficit to defeat Houston in the playoffs, the comeback of all comebacks. It's the same bunch that smoked the Dolphins in Joe Robbie Stadium to qualify for the Super Bowl as a wild card. The gang that swept the tough NFC West, including road victories in San Francisco and New Orleans, sinot an oid team.

Could Buffalo appear in an unprecedented tourth straight Super Bowl? Psychologically, a good start seems essential for the Bills, and the schedule is their ally. They play four home games and get two byes in the first seven weeks. The lone road trip during that stretch will be a rematch with the Cowboys in Dalfas on the second Sunday of the season.

A lot depends upon whether Jim Kelly's psychic wounds have heafed. He was a baffled, confused quarterback against Dalfas. His bad decisions and poor passes did as much as anything to steady the Cowboys after their shaky start. Kelly was stung by the criticism he took after the Super Bowl and now he's determined to make amends, but, at 33, he needs to be a more cerebral Kelly to do that. His ord macho ways no longer get him by If Kelly falters, Buffalo still has backup Frank Reich, who directed the miracle comeback against Houston. Reich now has the distinction of being the quarterback for the

#### BILLS 1992 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Christie, 115 points on 43 extra points and 24 field goals 2nd

RUSHING—Thomas, 1 487 yards on 312 carries, 4.8 avg., 9 TDs 2nd

PASSING - Kelly 269 of 462 attempts for 3.457 yards and 23 TDs 4th

RECEIVING—Reed, 65 receptions for 913 yards, 14.0 avg., 3 TOS 7th INTERPRETIONS (1999) RECEIVING

INTERCEPTIONS—Jones, 8 for 263 yards. 32.9 avg. 2 TOs PUNTING—Mohr, 60 punts, 42.2 average, tongest 61 yards. PUNT RETURNS—Hicks, 29 for 299 yards, 10.0 average KICKOFF RETURNS—Davis, 14 for 251 yards, 17.9 average aniked

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	28	At Kansas City
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	12	Al Philadelphia.
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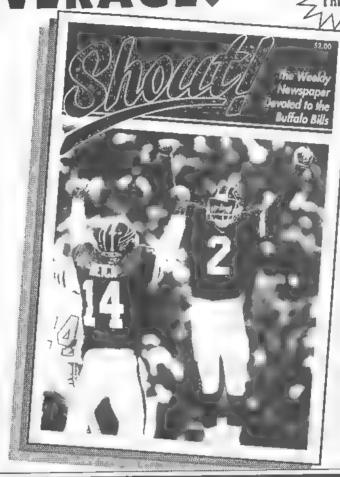
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winning side in the greatest comebacks in NFL and NCAA history, having ralifed Maryland against Miami some years ago

No matter the identity of the quarterback Buffalo is likely to be a more conservative offensive team. The No-Huddle attack lost its surprise element, so more conventional tactics are expected. Since coach Mary Levy is able to rest Thurman Thomas occasionally because he has another excellent ball carrier in Kenneth Davis, the expectation is that the running game will be more prominent, especially with an altered offensive line. Buffalo ran well enough a year ago, leading the league with 2 436 yards. Thomas finished second in the AFC with 1,487 yards and Davis added 613. Thomas led the NFL in total yards from scrimmage for the fourth consecutive year

The reluctant change in the offensive line is due to the loss of Pro Bowl left tackle Will Wolford to Indianapolis in a bitter free-agency arbitration. The plan is to install John Fina, last year's top draft pick, in Wolford's spot, but if that doesn't work, then Glenn Parker will be switched from right guard, which would create two changes, something Levy doesn't want to do John Davis or Fina then would battle for Parker's job. The left guard, 35-yearold Jim Ritcher, is in his 14th season. Center Kent Hull and right tackle Howard Ballard. who also went to the Pro Bowl, are fixtures.

There isn't much doubt that the passing game will be more conservative. The Bills just don't have much deep speed any longer James Lofton grew old and the only burner left is Don Beebe, whose most notable feat in the Super Bowl was making a long, determined run to strip the ball from a Dallas defender as he was about score another touchdown. As a receiver, Beebe has great days and other days when he drops the ball "We see so much zone coverage now that the speed receivers can't get open deep very often anyway," said John Butler, the new general manager So Butler signed Bill Brooks, who fed Indianapolis in receiving for six straight seasons before suffering a decline a year ago Like Andre Reed, who went to the Pro Bowl again, Brooks runs well after the catch. Reed caught 65 passes to lead the team, but Kelly has to get him even more involved in the offense. If tight end Keith McKeller doesn't play better than he did after his long holdout in '93, 33-year-old Pete Metzelaars will get the cali

Defensively, the Bills tost two inside line backers, Shane Conlan and Carlton Bailey, to free agency. Bailey had already lost his starting job when Cornelius Bennett was moved inside late in the season. Buffalo was considered linebacker-rich, so the expectation is that one of the youngsters, Mark Maddox or Keith Goganious, will be able to fill Conlan's slot. When Bennett went inside, speedy Marcus Patton was promoted to left outside linebacker Darryl Talley is starting his 11th season on the right side

Even though Buffalo led the AFC in defense against the run, there was a vulnerability because of a lack of size and depth in the fine

ner Thomas Smith of North Carolina Levy hopes he develops even faster then strong safety Henry Jones, who went to the Pro Bowl after intercepting eight passes in his second season Right corner Nate Odomes also played in the Pro Bowl Free safety Mark Kelso will be challenged by second-year men Matt Darby and Kurt Schulz

Special teams remain Levy's hallmark Steve Christie upgraded the place-kicking with a 24-for-30 year, punter Chris Mohr handles the Rich Stadium winds well. Coverage demon Steve Tasker went to the Pro Bow again, but punt returner Clifford Hicks signed with the Jets, creating a vacancy

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Levy thinks that has been addressed with the drafting of Nebraska tough guy John Parrella, the return of last year's second-round draftee James Patton, from a broken hip, and the signing of Atlanta free agent Oliver Barnett The best news was that the Bills matched San Francisco's offer to nose tackle Jeff Wright Right end Bruce Smith returned with a vengeance last year, recording 14 sacks, while left end Phil Hansen had a half dozen sacks in the final month of his sophomore season. "We want to come at the opposition in waves now" said Levy, who plans to substitute liberally

For the third time in four drafts, the Bills used their top pick for a defensive back, cor6-1 263 34 Northeastern 6-0 186 26 Philisburg State

#### MILLION DULLPHILL

Don Shula has to ask himself a blunt question. "is my team substant aily better off than it was back in January, when it got its hip pads blasted off in our own park by a wild-card team, the Buffalo Bills, in the AFC championship "

The answer almost surely is no stronger than "maybe," The Dolphins have two new receivers, Irving Fryar and Mark Ingram, but there is no certainty they are better than the old ones, the quarrelsome Mark Clayton and the sometimes equally quarrelsome Mark Duper The Dolphins signed a new right offensive tackle. Ron Heiler of the Eagles, but they lost Harry Galbreath, the guard who had a better year than anyone on the Miami line They didn't fully address their problem at running back either through free agency or the draft Bobby Humphrey may be more occupred by the authorities in Alabama than he will be by the Dolphins' opponents. They also lost their blocking tight end Ferrell Edmunds Where the Dolphins should be better is in the natural improvement of their good young defensive players and with the addition of an intriguing No. 1 draft choice. O.J. McDuffie of Penn State, an ail-round weapon

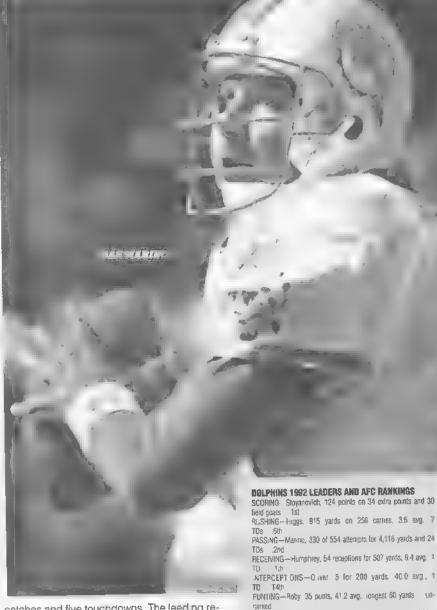
The Miami offense may be Dan Marino against the world once again. The great quarterback has had better statistical years (4 116 yards, 24 touchdowns, 16 interceptions in 92), but few where he delivered such dollarfor-dollar value. He directed six come-frombehind victories, including one in Seattle in which he threw the winning touchdown pass a play after being knocked dizzy. Six of the Doiphin victories were accomplished by four points or less. Now Marino has two new fea-

ture receivers

Fryar is 31 and only occasionally has he prayed to capacity. Just once, in 1991, did he



have 1,000 yards receiving, which is disappointing for a player of his skill Ingram is a good receiver, but he never played at a Clayton-Duper level with the Giants As long as Marino is breaking in new collaborators, he might lean toward McDuffle, who doesn't have a burner's speed but can run after he makes the catch and has a knack for the big play, whether catching a pass or returning a kickoff or punt, it wouldn't be a surprise if Shula ran him out of the backfield on occasion. While the newcomers learn, Marino can concentrate on tight end Keith Jackson, who joined Miami early last season and ended up with 48



catches and five touchdowns. The leading receiver, Humphrey, is in limbo

Mark Higgs, a plugger who led the team with 915 yards rushing, is the only proven ball carner Aaron Craver had a big game against San Diego in the playoff blowout, but he came close to being marked absent during the regular season. He's basically a third-down back. anyway He'll be pushed this fail by rookie Terry Kirby of Virginia Tony Page, the blockng back, carried only seven times, but he did catch 48 passes

The offensive line is the biggest problem area. There is a new line coach, Kim He ton, who comes from the Raiders. He has to get more out of the left side, tackle Richmond Webb and guard Keith Sims, than it contributed last year. The center, Jeff Uhlenhake, underwent reconstructive knee surgery in the offseason. Heller takes over at right tackle Galbreath's replacement may be huge Eddie Blake, drafted as a nose tackle last year but then side ined for the season by injury. He played guard at Auburn. The only offensive lineman drafted in '92 was Chris Gray, also of

PASSING-Marino, 330 of 554 attempts for 4,116 yards and 24 RECEIVING -- Humphrey, 54 receptions for 507 yards, 9.4 avg. 1 NTERCEPT ONS-0 iver 5 for 200 yards. 40.0 avg., 1 PUNTING-Roby 35 punts, 41.2 avg., longest 60 yards un-

PUNT RETURNS—Miller, 24 for 175 yards, 7.3 average 12th KICKOFF RETURNS—Williams, 19 for 328 yards, 17.3 aver

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Auburn. And the Dolphins won't get much blocking help from Jackson.

If the Dolphins are improved, it will have something to do with the maturing of three defensive stars, right end Marco Coleman, right outside linebacker Bryan Cox, and left comerback Troy Vincent. Coleman was the

Dolphins' top rookie, making his move at midseason when he had 13 tackles against Indianapolis, followed by 11 against Buffalo. He finished with six sacks and is capable of big things. Cox was the team's most valuable player, recording 14 sacks, more than any linebacker in Miami history. He also led in tackles with 127 (37 more than the runner-up), forced five fumbles, and made a diving interception against Seattle that helped lead to victory Vincent got better as the season went on.

The line has been changed drastically over the last two years. Chuck Klingbeil arrived as the nose tackle last season. Larry Webster was moved ahead of veteran left end Jeff Cross before Shula opened camp. If Blake doesn't pan out at guard, he could be added to this mix Young linebacker Dwight Hollier will challenge John Grimsley, who is returning from shoulder surgery, for the right to pair with John Offerdahl, who is recovering from abdominal surgery, on the inside. David Griggs plays opposite Cox. Vincent teams with the veteran JB Brown at the other corner Louis Oliver is a force at free safety and Jarvis Williams is a dependable strong safety. The draft

brings two interesting prospects, cornerback Ronnie Bradford of Colorado and safety Robert O'Neal of Clemson

McDuffie has the punt-return duty Punter Reggie Roby returns and place-kicker Pete Stoyanovich, who made 30 of 37 field goals and led the NFL in scoring is outstanding

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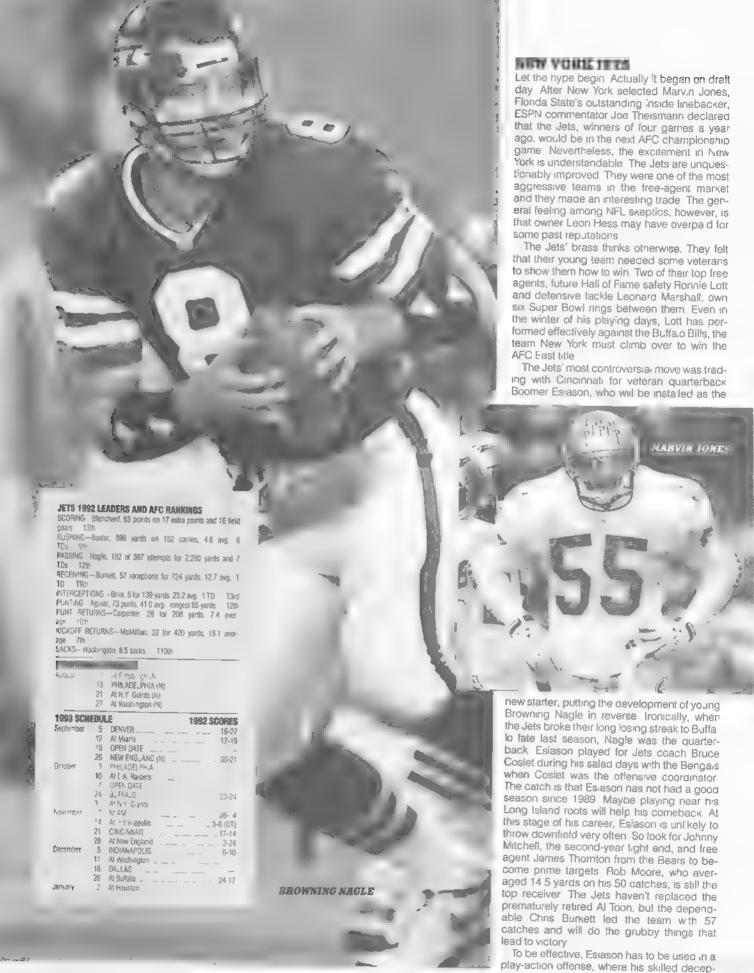
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tion is a valuable weapon. But to use playaction, a team needs to sell the defense on the idea that its running backs will hurt them if they don't pay strict attention. Defenses haven't been buying what Blair Thomas has been selling for several years. The Jets virtually conceded that the man they made the No. 2 pick in the 1990 draft has been a flop. They were frantic in the free-agent market, first signing Seattle's Chris Warren and then Cincinnati's Dernox Fenner to offer sheets that later were matched by their present teams What finally put a new running back on the roster was draft-day subterfuge. General manager Dick Steinberg sent up a smoke screen, convincing Phoenix that the Jets intended to draft Georgia running back Garrison Hearst, not Jones The Cardinals, who coveted Hearst, traded places with the Jets, neluding running back Johnny Johnson, once a Pro Bowler, in the deal New York thus ended up with the man they really wanted, Jones. as we I as a ball carrier who could be effective if he's in the mood. Johnson can catch the ball, too, and Es ason likes to throw to his backs (see James Brooks with the Bengais)

The offensive line finished the season with Supeli Malamala at left tackle for the injured Jeff Criswell Steinberg tried to improve on them in the market, but couldn't. As it stands, this is an undistinguished line. Dave Cadigan is the right tackie with the underrated Dwayne White at right guard, Roger Duffy at left guard and veteran Jim Sweeney at center Tackle David Ware, who needs development, came in the fourth round of the draft. What the Jets couldn't afford to do was lose tackie Irv Eat-

The defensive line is improved three ways by free agency, the graft, and the rehabilitation room. Marshall was signed from the Giants to take the place of Dennis Byrd, whose career ended in a late-season collision on the field. The Jets used their second draft choice to add Georgia Tech's overachieving end, Coleman Rudolph Jeff Lageman, the team's best pass rusher, returns to right end after missing 14 games with a knee njury. Marvin Washington led the team with 81/2 sacks in Lageman's place, but the coaches aren't satsfied with him Scott Mersereau, the left tackle, could be pushed by Mario Johnson. The versatile Paul Frase contributed five sacks.

Jones has to beat out 10-year veteran Kyle Clifton, but anyone who has been called the next Mike Singletary should be able to pulthat off. The Jets already have a mebacking stud in Mo Lewis on the right's de. He led the team the team with 145 tackles including 105 initial hits. If Kurt Barber is to make his move, it will have to be now on incumbent, eft outside finebacker Bobby Houston, who disappears from the game at times

Lott will provide more than leadership in the secondary. The Jets aren't sure they are going to get free safety Lonnie Young back from

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the 'njury list. The strong safety is Brian Washngton, whose interception return for a touchdown gave the Jets their first victory over Buffalo in the last six games. The signing of Eric Thomas from the Bengals upgrades the left to corner James Hasty can cover and play run support on the right side

Crag Hentrich of Notre Dame was drafted to challenge punter Louie Agular and possibly handle the kickoffs, Clifford Hicks was signed

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The Colts like to do things in pairs. Last year, they had the first two picks in the college draft and selected two defensive fire eaters, end Steve Emtman and linebacker Quentin Coryatt. This year, when free agency kicked in, they went out and bought themselves the nucleus of a respectable offensive line, spendng \$14.5 to get the signatures of Buffalo's Will Wo ford and Minnesota's Kirk Lowdermilk on their contracts "It's amazing to think how far this organization has come in 14 months." said coach Ted Marchibroda. "You stop and think of the two linemen and you add them to ast year's draft, it's incred bie

The Colts were incredible enough last year, when they were much more flawed. They won their last five games to finish 9-7, a feat that ranks only behind the last-to-first finish Marchibroda brought about in the '70s in his first hitch as the team's coach. Their victory total

included upsets over Buffalo and Miami, their foremost rivals in the division. In fact, the Colts were 5-3 in the AFC East, as were the Dolphins and the Bills. Their road record (5-3) was better than their home record (4-4) and their takeaway/giveaway ratio was a mere minus-two Since the Colts were a young team rebounding from a 1-15 season, those statistics are a tribute to Marchibroda and his staff There was a bit of sorcery involved. The Colts violated the classic football edict: "Run strong and stop the run." They finished last in the AFC in both categories

Building a line was essential for the preservation of Jeff George, the Colts' young quarterback, whose development has not been as rapid as expected. Marchibroda thinks the team's future is bracketed with the maturation of his quarterback. But George needs bodyguards. He was injured twice last year. The first time, it was a stretched thumb ligament in

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his passing hand, the second time, a broken bone in the same hand. The opposition is allowed to get too close to him. He has been sacked 120 times in his first 38 starts. His touchdown pass to interception ratio was an unimpressive 7 to 15 in 1992, but as the starter he produced a 6-4 record. Jack Trudeau is a solid backup, but he hasn't been protected much better than George.

The Colts running backs averaged just 2.9 yards per carry last season. Hence the second reason for the need to improve the offensive line. The downside of signing Wolford, one of the premier left tackles in the game, is that he came from Buffalo with a torn left rotator cuff. He underwent surgery immediately after the Colts won title to him. The optimists

ed receiver, in the first round. The scouting reports weren't glowing concerning Dawkins' speed, but few Pac-10 defensive backs ran him down. There was a receiver shakeup in Indy last year and ex-Brown Reggie Langhorne wound up leading the team with 65 catches. Jessie Hester had 52 receptions and averaged 15.2 yards per catch, but each starter caught just one touchdown pass. Kerry Cash became the first Colt tight end in 20 years to catch more than 40 passes. His 43 included three for touchdowns. He gets help from Charles Arbuckle, a football gypsy who finally settled down in Indianapolis.

The defense held the opposition to 14 points or less in seven games, despite playing without Emtman and Coryatt for the last half of the season. All seven games were victories. The defense is coached by Rick Venturi, who was the temporary head coach for most of the previous season. Emtman will be back at left end, with tough Tony Siragusa at nose tackle Right end is a jumble among Skip McClendon, Willis Peguese, and veterans Sam Clancy and Jon Hand. The secondary is more of a jumble. The departure of free safety Mike

Prior allows rookies Ray Buchanan of Louisville and Derwin Gray of Brigham Young to compete with Jason Belser for the job. Ash ey Ambrose, who was hampered by his rookie holdout and not much help in 1992, should contend at cornerback against Eugene Dan iel Chris Goode, and Tony Stargell John Baylor is the strong safety

The strength of the defense is the linebacking Coryatt will return inside, next to Jeff Herrod, who led the team in tackles for the fourth season in a row. On the outside, Chip Banks had nine sacks, his most in eight years. Duane Bickett, the durable veteran on the opposite side, had 6½ sacks. Scott Radecic made 89 tackles when he replaced Coryatt following the rookie's injury.

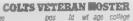
Clarence Verdin remains among the best return men and Rohn Stark is a premier punter, but Marchibroda would like to improve upon place-kicker Dean Biasucci



think he'll be ready on opening day or shortly after. The pessimists think it will be well into the season before he gets into the lineup Lowdermilk, the erstwhile Minnesota center, fills a gaping hole. Beyond the two newcomers there isn't much. Left guard Randy Dixon should benefit from playing alongside Wolford, but so far he is at the journeyman level. Bight tackle Kevin Callis in a similar category. Right guard Bill Schultz has been hurt often, but he started the final two games a year ago.

The running attack could get a major boost from rookie Roosevelt Potts of Northeast Louisiana, who has speed even when his weight gets up to 250 pounds. The Cotts want him to pray lighter. He did it all in college, trample tacklers catch the ball, and block. The expectation is that Potts will be their feature back. Ex-Notre Damers Anthony Johnson and Rodney Culver will fight for the other spot in the two-back set Johnson had 1,116 all-purpose yards and Culver closed his rookie season with a 92-yard day against Cincinnati. He also scored in ne touchdowns, seven rushing.

It will help George that the Colts drafted Sean Dawkins of California, a big, sure-hand-



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33	Ambrose, Ashley .	08	5-10	177	23	Miss. Valley St.
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31	Ball, Michael		6-0	220	29	Southern U
51	Banks, Chip	JB.	6-4	254	34	Southern Cal
36	Baylor John	DB	6-0	208	28	Southern Miss
29	Belser, Jason	DB	5-9	187	23	Oklahoma
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50	Bicket Duarie	EB.	6-5	251	31	Southern Cal
71	Call Kevin	. DT	6-7	308	32	Cororado State
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88	Cash, Kerry	TE	6-4	252	24	Teoras
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NEW ESSILAND PRINCIPE

The Patr.ots' newsletter, mailed to the team's fans, didn't hold anything back in its postseason issue. "January 21, 1993 Mark it down For Patriot fans, it will be remembered as the day the r favor te team entered the big time."

Maybe they went a little overboard about the firing of B'll Parcells as the new coach After all the Patriots have had a Super Bowl team and a lot of other admirable seasons in the big time." But Parcells represents someone to lead them out of the swamp after four losing seasons, during which a significant part of their fan base deserted them Besides Parcells won two Super Bowls with the Giants, and in New England there is some awe connected with the Giants, who were the regional favorite in the pre-Patriot days. The team sold about 1,500 new season tickets in less than 96 hours after Parcells was hirred.

There may have been more excrement about the hiring than there will be about the football in 1993. The Pats will be better mmediately, but they'll be better with stone-age football. Parcels knows that winning will be tough enough with this 2-14 team and he shift about to give anything away.

TOS 10th INTERCEPTIONS—Henderson, 3 for 43 yards 14.3 aver-

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New England got a peek at the future on draft day and his name is Drew Bledsoe, the Washington State quarterback whom Parcells made the No 1 pick in the entire talent pool "He won t play until he's ready " Parcells loudly announced Believe him Scott Zolak, who had a few bright moments in his rookie season ast year, is likely to be the quarterback, at east at the start. The identity of the quarterback won't be important until the Pats get their stuff together under Parcells. He didn't even want a veteran quarterback around as a patrol leader for Bledsoe Hugh Millen was encouraged to sign with Dalas Parcells' style, especially at first, will be to try to outsize, out-tough, and overpower the opposition-the 'power football of his Super Bowl teams

To accomp ish that his first break was finding the bones of a good offensive line. Pat Har ow Eugene Chung, and Bruce Armstrong were on the New England roster when he got there. Harlow is a proven young tackle Chung, last year's top draftee, was the starting right tackle for the second half of the season when Harlow had to move to the left side to replace the njured Armstrona Chuna d dn't have a satisfactory year, but put an asterisk after it. His father with whom he was close, died while he was in training camp and the rookie played the season understandably distracted If Armstrong's knee heals well, Chung probably will be moved to guard. Parcells also took a chance by signing Steve Trapilo, a top guard from New Orleans who hasn't played in more than a year because of injury Gene Chilton is the center Todd Rucci a 296 pound power blocker who rebounded from knee surgery to have a great second half of the season at Penn State, came in the draft

Raymond Perkins, the ex-Giants and Bucs head coach, is the offensive coordinator. He'll be in charge of polishing Bledsoe, who already has an Elway-class arm, a natural gift of leadership, and whopping size (6-5, 233). It's



just as well he doesn't get to play early since the Pats are shy in the receiver department. The best thing that could happen to them is that Hart Lee Dykes, out all year with his second broken kneedap, is able to return. With Irving Fryar gone, the top wide receivers are Greg McMurtry (35 catches) and Michael Timpson (26). The draft brings Vincent Brisby of Northeast Louis and, a tackle-breaker who scored 10 touchdowns as a senior. Tight end Mary Cook, who caught 50 passes or more in each of the last three years, should be even more important now.

Leonard Russell suffered from the sophomore jinx after his NFL Rookie of the Year Award in 1991, if he regains his init a enthusiasm, he can be Parcels' kind of back. At 235 pounds, he has both power and speed. Jon Vaughn, who played power football at Michigan, led the Pats with 451 rushing yards and also returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown. Scott Lockwood came out of nowhere to gain 127 yards against Miamin in the final game of his rookie season. The Pats didn't average 100 yards rushing yards a game last year. That will change

For a team that lost 14 games, the Patriots didn't play all that poorly defensively, except that they had a measly 20 sacks. The unit was overwhelmed in only three games. Nevertheless Parcelis has most of the veterans on probation: "It gets down to this," said linebacker Andre Tippett: "Those who show they want to play for him will stay." The inside linebacking, with Vincent Brown and Johanny Rembert, is more stable than the outside, with the 34-year-

old Tippett and a combination of David Howard and Chris Singleton. No l'nebacker was drafted (Chris Slade is an end/outside rusher), but sopnomores Dwayne Sabb and Todd Collins are sure to be inspected closely.

The line of left end Ray Agnew, nose tackle fim Goad, and Brent Williams started as a complete unit in all but three games. That didn't stop Parcells from signing free agents Leon Seals of Philadelphia, Aaron Jones of Pittsburgh, and John Washington, who once played for him with the Glants. Expect to see a number of one-time Grants in the Patriots' new junforms this season of No 2 draftee Slade of Virginia is ready, he'll probably start ahead of Williams. And don't count out another rookle, Kevin Johnson of Texas Southern.

In the secondary, none of the incumbent starters are safe. There are two good young prospects from last year's draft, Rod Smith and Dion Lambert. Smith can play either corner or free safety. Lambert earned his bones as a nickel back and now bids for the job at strong safety. This draft brings two smart hitters, Michigan safety Corwin Brown and Florida cornerback Lawrence Hatch. Brown is a big-game player. Hatch was tested daily in

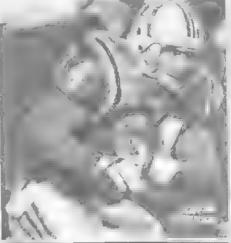
college by coach Steve Spurrier's sophisticated passing attack. In addition, Parcells signed his ace special-teams commando, Reyna Thompson, from the Giants. He could contend at cornerback.

Vaughn led the NFL in kickoff returns and Troy Brown of Marshall was drafted in the eighth round Shawn McCarthy is a steady punter but Georgia Tech's clutch kicker, Scott Sisson, was drafted in the fifth round to challenge Charlie Baumann

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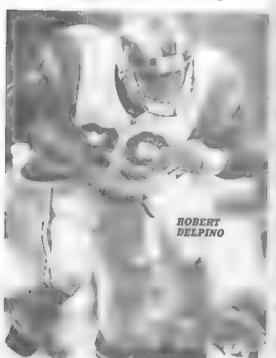


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#### DESTED BRUNCHS

The Broncos have been reconstructed to John Elway's specifications. The popular Wade Phillips is the new head coach, replacing Dan Reeves, Elway's sometime antagonist, who went east to coach the New York Giants A new offense, tailored after the one used by Bill Waish in San Francisco, has been installed and Jim Fassell, Elway's quarterback coach at Stanford, was hired to run it. Rod Bernstine, the Chargers' freight train of a back, and Robert Delpino, the Rams' skillful third-down receiver, were signed as free agents. The most important changes may have occured in the offensive line, where Don-Maggs comes from Houston and Brian Habib from obscurity to great riches in order to keep Elway in one piece. Elway sat out four straight games late last season, the first time he missed more than one game in pine seasons. The previous January he missed the fast part of the 1991 AFC title game, hobbling around on the sidelines while watching a one-point Buffalo victory The Denver brass decided something had to be done in order to preserve the quarterback's health

The Broncos are not the same sort of team Denverites are accustomed to seeing. Owner Pat Bowlen reached into Buffalo to hire the Bills' highly regarded pro scout, Bob Ferguson, as his new director of football operations It was Ferguson's strategy to enter the freeagent market quickly and aggressively. That's how Maggs and Habib became Broncos Denver used undersized college free agent Russell Freeman at the vital left tackle spot a year ago, but he was overmatched and both he and Elway suffered because of it. That position was targeted as the priority. Maggs was considered a good buy, since he was an underrated player on a team with high-profile linemen. "He played Bruce Smith as tough as any left tackle in the league," said Ferguson





The Smith test is important to the Broncos, since they signed the big guy to an offer sheet three years ago and missed acquiring him only because Buffalo matched the offer

Ferguson followed that with the surprising signing of Habib, who was given a contract that made him the highest paid offensive lineman in the NFL at the time. Fergy had been tracking him for a year and decided that his development had gone relatively unnoticed in Minnesota since the Vikings' line was full of stars Habib will play either right tackle or move to left guard, alongside left tackle Maggs Fither way, Elway's protection should improve, especially with Bernstine occupying defenders as a ball carrier and blocker and Delpino contributing on third down. Freeman has been moved to guard, where the coaches think he may thrive Jeff Davidson and Doug Widell are the incumbents at guard with Keith Kartz at center

August

Nevertheless, don't expect the famous Elway gun to be fired long-range very often this season. The fact is that he has few deep receivers with whom he can collaborate now that Mark Jackson signed with the Giants. Jackson was the only Bronco to catch a pass in all their games and his eight touchdowns were a career high. His loss is damaging. Arthur Marshall better known as a punt returner, averaged 19 yards on 26 catches as a rook e. Another rookie, Cedric Tillman, averaged 17 6 on his dozen catches. What Denver loyalists are likely to see this year is a shorter passing game, with Bernstine, Delpino, and H-back Shannon Sharpe, the leading receiver (53 catches), the most frequent targets. The mystery man is second-round draft choice Gwn Milburn, who played for Bill Walsh and Dennis Green at Stanford and knows this offense well Milburn could figure as a wide receiver if he sn't worked in as a third-down back. He caught 141 passes in his last three years as a collegian and averaged just under 14 yards on 75 punt returns

Defensively, Philips gave his side of the ball the first draft choice, Dan Williams, the fierce end from Toledo. Williams is bigger than any current Denver defensive lineman and he has the potential to be the best Bronco at his position since Rich Jackson, who last played 20 years ago. At Toledo, Williams

made at least one stop behind the line of scrimmage in 23 consecutive games. He should take over at right end, opposite Shane Dronett, who had 6½ sacks as a rookle last year. Veteran nose tackle Greg Kragen gets involved in most of the action.

The strength of the defense is still the veteran linebacker corps and safeties Steve Atwater and Dennis Smith Free safety Atwater went to the Pro Bowl for the third straight year after taking part in 152 tackles Inside linebacker Michael Brooks, who led the team with 167 tackies, including 106 solo. also was voted to the Pro Bowl. Outside linebacker Simon Fletcher was second in the AFC with 16 sacks. His first sack this season will set a Bronco career record. Karl Mecklenburg, the other inside linebacker, was second on the team with 71/2 sacks. Outside backer Mike Croe hired a personal trainer and bulked up to 240 pounds. Keith Trayor, the specia teams most valuable player, pushes for work somewhere





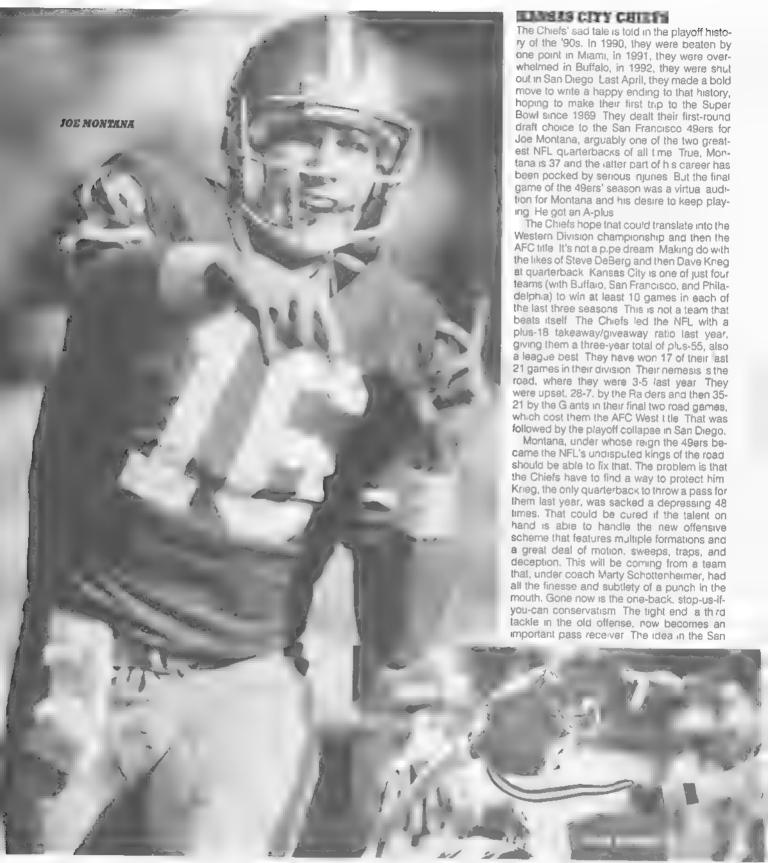
In a surprise move, the Broncos drafted Jason Elam, the Hawaii place-kicker/punter, in the third round. They a ready have an accompished punter in Mike Horan; they have two piace-kickers in David Treadwell, whose 20-for-24 field goal record was his career best, and kickoff special st Brad Daluiso. If Elam makes it big, he could save two roster spots and maybe even three.

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Francisco style is for the quarterback to do a skilled job reading coverages and getting the ball to a specific area before the pass rushers. get to him. What better guarterback to execute such plans than Montana?

Schottenhe mer must find accompaces for his master quarterback. Harvey Williams, the young running back, has to become more of a factor. He had 262 yards rushing and five receptions a year ago. Christian Okoye and Barry Word combined for 1,055 rushing yards, a tota Okove almost managed by himself in 1991, Todd McNair red the Chiefs with 44 receptions. Kid receivers like Will e Davis, Tim-Barnett, and J.J. Birden will get a chance to emulate Jerry Rice and John Taylor, Tight ends Keith Cash, Jonathan Hayes, and Mike Dyal, who caught 22 passes among them last year, will make friends with Montana, who has a fondness for throwing to tight ends. The Chiefs d'dn't draft a wide receiver until the seventh round, when they took lowa's Danan Hughes who could end up a basebal player

The line that allowed all those sacks last year could be weaker since it lost guard David Lutz to Detroit. Tim Grunhard returns at center

CHIEFS 1992 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

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with John Alt at left tackle and Rich Baidinger being pushed by Joe Valeno on the right s.de-if he doesn't move to Lutz's spot at right guard Dave Szott is the left guard. The draft brings guards Will Shields of Nebraska and Lindsay Knapp of Notre Dame

The Chiefs allowed an average gain of 4.2 yards per rush last season, so they need mafor improvement from their four-man front. The best hope is that Darren Mickel who joined them during the season, has matured. He can be a force as a pass rusher, but Schottenheimer needs him to stop the run as well. End Nel Smith who had 141/2 sacks is one of the best two-way I nemen in the league. Leonard Griffin is a solid end Joe Philips, the ex-Charger was tough against the run but Dan Saleaumua, once one of the NFL's leading nose tackles, had an off year despite his six sacks. The Chiefs also lost Bill Maas to Green Bay Standout outside linebacker Derrick Thomas puts pressure on the quarterback,



but the more 4-3 the Chiefs use, the less he likes it. "You do too much standing around," Thomas complained. That's why he dalired with the Detroit Lions Nevertheless, Thomas had 141/2 sacks, and the Chiefs need him to play at capacity. Their team total of 50 sacks t ed for second in the AFC.

Since Arbert Lewis missed 15 games in the last two seasons due to various injuries, the Chiefs need Dale Carter to Improve on his rookie-of-the-year season and nail down a cornerback job. Playing part time, Carter ntercepted seven passes and scored three touchdowns on two punt returns and an interception. He seems destined for future Pro-Bowls Charles Mincy, the new free safety scored three of the eight touchdowns produced by the defense. He also finished secand in tackies with 96, including 56 so as. Veteran corner Kevin Ross plays effectively but strong safety Martin Bayless will be pushed by Dav d Wh tmore, who started 12 games for the 49ers and was obtained with Montana

No beef about the special teams. Placekicker Nick Lowery had another magic year with 22 field goals in 24 attempts. Bryan Barkers 43.3-yard gross punting average was Kansas City's best since 1984 Carter was a thriller on punt returns and Bennle Thompson had more stops, 27, than any special teamer in the league

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t hasn't even remotely turned out that way The Raiders are your basic 7-9 team that improved over the offseason, partially and only because of free agency. Davis might have had the will to load up on stars, but he just doesn't have the financial resources. His home field, the Las Angeles Collseum, has turned out to be a calamity. It is located in the south-central part of the city, where the riots took place, and unless the visiting team is a great attraction or the Raiders themselves are on a special role big crowds don't materialize

The part of the Raiders that was in most argent need of fixing was the offensive unit. In half their games last season, the Raiders scored 14 points or less. They were especially punchless on the road where they won only twice. To fix a quarterback problem that has been nagging them for years, the Raiders signed free agent Jeff Hostet er who lost his starting on with the G ants. Hostetler is not the prototype big-arm Raider quarterback, but he knows how to win and his fierce competitiveness fits in well with the club's tradition. L.A. should be a better team with him as its leader

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to have mellowed Davis. Last spring he made a move that, in effect, was an admission that he made a major mistake two years ago There was a long time when Ai didn't admit to mistakes. His move was in drafting Billy Joe Hobert, the controversial University of Washington quarterback, on the second round. The coming of Hobert means that Todd Marinovich, an even more controversial quarterback drafted in the first round in 1991, has a blankwall future with the Paiders. Hobert, who does have the prototype Raider big arm, is now the team's quarterback of the future. "The Raiders



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## PRESEASON SCHEDIGE

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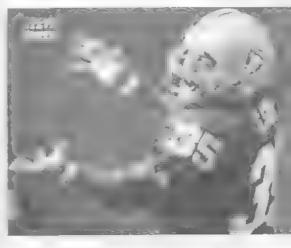
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made a good move." said a rival general manager "We liked Billy Joe better than Drew Bledsoe or Rick Mirer

Davis seems to be patiently building for a future day. A large portion of his free-agent money was reserved to bring Rocket Ismail down from the Canadian League, Just as he drafted Bo Jackson in the middle of the draft



after Bo declared for baseball. Davis claimed the NFL rights to the Rocket even after he signed with the Toronto Argonauts, Al knows that things change Ismail will help immediately as a return whiz, but he needs a great deal of polishing as a receiver. He and Hobert may grow up together

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One thing is for sure. The Raiders will not rest until they are back at the top of the AFC and with all the moves they've made after the 1992 season, it looks like they're well on their way. Veteran QB Jeff Hostetler gives the Raiders a solid offensive leader who knows how to win and their #1 draft pick Patrick Bates is being billed as the next Ronnie Lott. RAIDERS NEWSPAPER will track the progress of all the 1993 Raiders, rookies as well as veterans, giving you behind-the-scenes coverage that can't be found anywhere else.

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Meanwhile, Hostetier will make do with the offens ve talent on hand while the Raiders retool A prior ty is the offensive line, where Mike White, usually associated with coaching quarterbacks, will supervise the renovating Bit Meyers, for the last six years offensive coordnator at the University of Pittsburgh is the new The coach. The first big personnel move was signing Gerald Perry, the Rams' efficient left tackle, as a free agent. Two other positions. eft guard with three-time Pro Bowler Steve Wisniewski and center with Don Mosebar, are solid Expect the Raiders to run to the left side a lot Coach Art Shell would like to see marnmoth Greg Skrepenak make a move at right tackle and he has his fingers crossed about 37-year-old Max Montoya at right guard

The new feature back is Gaston Green, the ex-Bronco, who came in a trade. Er'c Dickerson, with 729 yards was doing it from memory and young Nick Beli never has got beyond the

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once-in-a-while stage. After being romanced by several teams, blocking back Steve Smith re-signed with the Raiders. In all, there were just seven touchdown runs in 1992. Tim-Brown finally estab ished himself as a big-time receiver, leading the team with 49 catches and seven touchdowns. If small makes ran diprogress, he could play opposite his fellow Notre Damer If he doesn't then further use will be found for 33-year old Willie Gault, who has games where he seems to be nvisible. and for 37 year-old James Lofton. Tight end Ethan Horton could be revitaized by the comna of Hostetler.

Defensively, the team lost its leader in the secondary, Ronnie Lott, to free agency and the New York Jets, but the Raiders replaced him with the best safety in the graft. Patrick Bates of Texas A&M, who was made in the Raider mold. Cornerback Terry McDaniel, who had four interceptions and blankets receivers, went to the Pro Bowl. The other postions are shaky, with the error-prone Eddre

point Winston Moss, the ex-Buc, played well on the outside but Aaron Wallace struggled in pass coverage on the other side. The big need is at middle linebacker

Ray Hamilton, a veteran college coach, was hired to work with the defensive line. Howie Long hasn't lost it at left end. He had nine sacks a year ago. Nolan Harrison is a fixture at eft tackle, but the Raiders have to get more out of hippo-sized Chester McGlockton at right tackle. Anthony Smith, who had 13 sacks. in a specialty role, could beat out Greg Townsend at right end

The return game could be frightening, with Brown handing punts and ismail kickoffs, Jeff Gossett's among the league's better punters. Place-kicker peff Jaeger siumped early but came out of t later in the season.

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How do you explain the Chargers? Ever since their 31-0 loss to Miam: in the playoffs last season, they have not conducted business Tke champions of the AFC West. They lost five starters in the free-agent market. Gone is the right side of the offensive liner guard David Richards and tackle Broderick Thompson Gone is Rod Bernstine, their foremost power back. Gone is Henry Rolling, a linebacker who stayed in the game to cover the opposing tight ends on passing downs. Gone is right corner Tony Blaylock. The Chargers' own free-agent signings were sparse, mostly designed to repair a couple of free-agent vacancies, not to make a serious run at the Super Bowl.

Then I sten to Bobby Beathard, the usually aggressive general manager "Each team has ts own strategy but I haven't been able to find out what that strategy is when they spend as much as they have Next year, reality sets in It's going to be tough on a lot of players and agents. There are going to be some tough PASSING-Humphries, 263 et 454 attempts for 3,356 yards and

RECEIVING -Harmon, 79 receptions for 914 yards, 11.6 avg., 1

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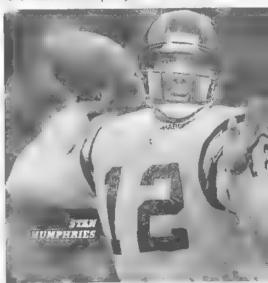
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decisions I can't imagine that there aren't some players who are pricing themselves right out of the game "

That's Beathard, the financially responsible executive keeping an eye on the 1994 salary cap At one time, he was Beathard the Hawk. the free-wheeling Washington GM who signed Wilber Marshall the Bears' star outside I nebacker, as a free agent before there was a free-agent policy. It's also strange to hear Beathard speaking of "next year" The Chargers won 11 of their last 12 games, including the final seven to take the division title. They followed that with a 17-0 roast of Kansas City in the opening playoff game. Visions of Super-Bowl XXVIII danced in their heads even after tney were eliminated

The suspicion is that the Charger brass took a more readstic look at what the team had accomplished and felt that 1992 was a case of too much too soon. Of the 11 regular-season. victories, only two were scored over teams with winning records. Both were against India napolis, another overachiever. Four of the five losses were to playoff teams. The playoff victory over K.C.? The Chiefs are a notoriously bad road team. Still the Chargers were seen. as one of the rising young powers in the NFL after Bobby Ross's first season as coach. Cutting back as much as they did doesn't make sense The competition has improved too much. Denver underwent a major restyling, Kansas City now has Joe Montana and the Raiders have Jeff Hostetler San Diego may nave made a grastic policy mistake



The loss of Bernstine can't be minimized on an offense that runs as much as it passes. The Chargers still have Marion Butts, who took over after Bernstine's injury, but Butts averaged a full yard less per carry than Bernstine did and has less dimension. Ross has to get more out of Ronnie Harmon, who led the team with 79 receptions but carried the ball from scrimmage just 55 times. The draft brings stumpy Natrone Means of North Carolina, who can be a hit in the pros if he keeps his weight around 235 instead of 255. Means has good hands and the Chargers may be able to run him outs de as well as ins de

The quarterback situation is not totally settled, despite the heroics of Stan Humphries in the second half of the season. Humphries was acquired to fill the hole which occurred when starter John Friesz went out for the season with a knee injury. Friesz returns and will contend for the job. Nevertheless, Humphries had impressive numbers: 16 touchdown passes, a 57.9 completion percentage, and 3,356 yards, the most since Hall of Famer Dan Fouts was a Charger. He is now 15-6 as an NFL starter.

Anthony Miller, who went to the Pro Bowl for the third time, is the big guy in the passing game. He led the AFC with 1,060 yards and caught seven touchdown passes. Harmon, as dangerous a receiver coming out of the backfield as there is in the game, just missed being the second 1,000-yard producer. He had 914 Nate Lewis gained more than 1,000 atl-purpose yards as a receiver, punt and kickoff returner, and occasional ball carrier. His 34 catches averaged 17.1 yards and he scored

four times. Shawn Jefferson, the third receiver caught 29 passes and tight end Derrick Walker added 34.

Joe Milin chik of the Rams was signed to replace Richards at left guard. Right tackle is a mystery Rookie Joe Cocozzo, the Michigan tough guy, is a guard. The rest of the fine is stable. Courtney Hall is the center, Eric Moten the reft guard, and Harry Swayne, whose offer sheet from Phoenix was matched by San Diego, is the reft tackle.

Under Bill Arnsparger, who returned to coaching after a long sabbatical, the defensive philosophy is attack the quarterback and choke the run. The Chargers recorded 51 sacks a jump of 23 from 1991. They led the AFC in defense against the run, allowing just 87 2 yards per game. Overall they were second in the AFC in defense Right end Lesile O'Neal had 17 sacks, a career high. Rookie Chris Mims had 10 as a pass-rush special st Left end Burt Grossman had eight and right tackte Blaise Winter, whom Arnsparger picked off the football trash heap, six.

Arnsparger may put a new twist into the pass rush this year. The Steelers signed Pittsburgh's Jerrol Williams, who had nine sacks in 1991 then slipped a bit last season. If Williams is at top form, Arnsparger can attack from the outside with him and Jun or Seau. In his third season, Seau again led the Chargers

in tackles with 108, 29 more than the next defender. Gary Plummer is dependable at middle linebacker

With Blaylock gone and left cornerback Gill Byrd reaching 32 years of age, Beathard made Stanford corner Darrien Gordon his top draft pick, Gordon is good enough to start immediately. Marquez Pope, last year's second pick, could compete. Stanley Richards, the free safety, had a strong season. His 79 tack es were second to Seau's. The consistent Floyd Fields is the strong safety Beathard matched offer sheets to keep reserves Darren Carrington and Donald Frank.

Lewis is the main return man. Punter John Kidd averaged 42.6 yards and place-kicker John Carney made 26 of 32 field goals

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The Seanawks were defined by one threegame stretch last December. On the first Sunday they played in Pittsburgh and lost by six points. They returned home against Philadelphia and lost by a field goal in overtime. The next week, they played in Denver and lost, 10-6. This is a respectable defensive team in desperate need of some offense. Seattle's wobbly attack produced 13 touchdowns in 1992. Emmitt Smith the Dallas running back iscored six more than that himself. The Seahawks' 140 points were 65 fewer than the NFL's other 2-14 team, New England. In seven games, they were either shut out or held without a touchdown. The most they scored in one game a year ago was 17 points

The draft and free agency were designed to buck up the attack. But don't expect a dramatdicious No all-pros were added. The No. 1 draft choice, Notre Dame quarterback Rick Mirer, won't be ready immediately

The Seahawks felt their best move in the offseason was convincing defensive coordinator Tom Catlin not to retire. Any serious discussion of the Seanawks has to start with the defense, which boasts two of the best players in the NFL tackle Cortez Kennedy and free safety Eugene Robinson Kennedy may not be as wealthy as Reggie White yet, but he's probably more effective. He recorded 14 sacks, made 28 tackles for loss forced four fumbles, finished second in team tackles with 92, and was named the NFL Defensive Player of the Year Robinson led the team with 94 tackles, intercepted seven passes, and went to the Pro Bowl

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The secondary is solid and smart. Speedy Patrick Hunter plays right corner with Dwayne Harper on the left. Robert Blackmon, for whom the Seahawks matched an expensive offer sheet, has developed into a fine strong safety Carlton Gray of UCLA, a heady cornerback, was the second-round draft choice.

Joe Nash, a solid veteran, plays alongside Kennedy in the four-man front. Jeff Bryant and Tony Woods are the experienced ends. Since there is not much depth. Catlin is still waiting for Michael Sinclair, a pass-rush demon in the World League, to build himself to NFL size. Left linebacker Rufus Porter had 9½ sacks and made himself into a strong all-round player. Terry Wooden is sound on the other side. Dave Wyman will return to battle Rod Stephens at middle linebacker if his foot injury is fully healed. Dean Wells of Kentucky was the only I nebacker drafted.

The Seahawks would have preferred Drew Bledsoe of neighboring Washington State as their quarterback of the future, but the Patriots beat them to him Since journeyman Stan Gelbaugh is the starter of record, it would not be a shock if Mirer ended up winning out, even though he requires a great deat of polishing Mirer, along with coach Torn Flores, is on the spot if Mirer is just another in a long line of unsuccessful replacements for Dave Krieg, it will be devastating for the franchise. Kelly Stouffer for whom the Seahawks paid a ran-

som, was cut adrift Big Dan McGwire, 1991's No. 1, is coming back from a broken hip. He didn't have much mobility before he got hurt, fatal behind Seattle's line, which allowed a staggering 67 sacks. Mirer has the ability to run out of trouble

The sole reinforcement for the offensive line is Mitch Frerotte, a backup guard and center from Buffalo. He is a secret weapon, having caught three touchdown passes as a goal-line tight end for the Bills. The expectation is that Frerotte will start at left guard, with Andy Heck shifting to right tackle, his third position in three years. Bill Hitchcock would then move from right tackle to right guard. Staying put would be left tackle Ray Roberts and center Joe Toffternire.

No Seahawk wide receiver caught more than 27 passes tast year. There was little time to throw downfield. Fullback John L. Williams was the top receiver with 74 catches, which produced an average gain of just 7.5 yards Next was wide receiver Tommy Kane with 27, but free-agent signee Kelvin Martin, Dallas's third receiver and ace return man, will challenge him. Brian Blades, the other starter, caught 19 passes. If Mirer does get some time to set up, the Seahawks have two track men to catch the deep ball, returning Olympian Mi-

chaet Bates and rookie Terrence Warren of Hampton Tight end Ferrell Edmunds, more a blocker than a receiver, was signed from Miami. Chris Warren, once a return specialist, had 1,017 yards rushing and consequently the Seahawks had to spend serious money to match the offer sheet the Jets extended to him. Flores has plans to make more use of Warren as a receiver, lining him up in different spots out of the backfierd

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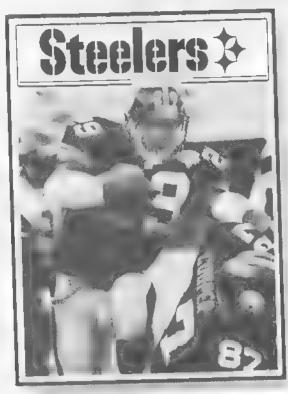
The Steelers were determined that they were not going to be the football version of the Pittsburgh Pirates in the NFL's era of free agency Their profiles were similar same small market, no bottomless pit of resources, vulnerable to incursions by the predator teams. The predators invaded the Steelers as the Pirates had been invaded. The difference is that the Steelers fought back. They won the division in a surprise last year and they meant to prove that Cowher Power under their young coach, Bill Cowher, had not been a fluke

So when Tampa Bay targeted the Steelers, first signing veteran linebacker Hardy Nickerson and then getting the signature of newly anointed starting quarterback Neil O'Donnell on an offer sheet, and when the Chargers signed linebacker Jerrol Williams, the Rooney family paused for reflection, then struck back

The most important strike was the decision to meet the Bucs' offer to O'Donnell, even though the Steelers felt that their offense did not require a franchise quarterback to lead it They will pay O'Donnell top money since there might have been a crisis in confidence on this young team had he departed

Then they went into the free-agent market themselves to sign veteran pass rusher Kevin Greene of the Rams to replace Williams at the position vital in their blitzing attack. Pass rush is important to the Steelers since they remain a big-play, power-offense team with a slim margin for error. Their two victories over Houston, their main rival in the division, were by five points in the season opener and one point in November The draft was aimed at strengthening the defense. The top two picks are from Colorado's strong unit Deon Figures, the big play cornerback, was first and Chad Brown,

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an outside linebacker with pass-rush possibilities, was second. Two linemen and a defens ve back were selected later

Relentless consistency was the hallmark of Cowher's first season in Pittsburgh The Steelers didn't lose more than two in a row on their way to an 11-5 record and their first division championship in 10 years. Cowher and Pittsburgh, his native city, are a good match. No rookie coach in Pittsburgh ever came close to winning as many games. His accomplishment was all the more impressive since he followed the 23-year reign of Hall of Famer Chuck No I. and all the pressure that entailed

The team Cowher has put together could have a long run. O Donnell is just 27. Barry Foster the AFC's leading rusher, is 25 Jeff Graham the top receiver, is 24. The offensive line, shaken up last year, has no significant age now that veteran Tunch Ilkin signed with Green Bay after he was informed that Leon Searcy, last year's No. 1 draftee, would get his job at right tackle. Defensively, the Steelers had to import Greene to get a potential starter

D'BONNEL!

30 or more, David Little, 34, is the incumbent right inside l'nebacker, but he's already being pushed by pro sophomore Levon Kirkland

Of course, there are always the uncertainties of free agency Rod Woodson, the all-pro left cornerback, seems destined to be the Reggie White of 1994, when his contract expires. Woodson not only is matched up against the opposition's swiftest receiver, but last year he finished second on the team in tackles, forced four fumbles intercepted four passes, blocked a field goal, and was the No. 2 sacker That translates to boxcar figures in today's market. Woodson's status may be an extra incentive for the Steelers to win it ail in the AFC now. Greg Lloyd, whom the Steelers developed into one of the NFL's better linebackers is another player whose demands were supposed to be too rich for Pittsburgh resources But the front office in a show of commitment, re-signed Lloyd to a big contract just two months ago

O'Donnell had the highest pass-completion percentage in Steeler history, 59 1, a reflection of the ball-control, low-turnover style favored by offensive coordinator Ron Erhardt The Terry Bradshaw days are long past. O Donnell passed for 13 touchdowns and 2.283 yards, but the number Erhardt treasured was O'Donnell's intercept on percentage, a paltry 2.9 Steeler quarterbacks, however, get sacked too much, considering the

bali-control ph losophy

Offensively, everything turns around Foster, the squat, 217-pounder who ripped through opposing defenses for 1 690 yards a year ago. Foster gained 100 yards or more in 12 games, tying an NFL record and demokshing the former team standard (seven) set by Hall of Famer Franco Harris. He also became a more frequent pass target finishing second on the Steelers with 36 catches. Merril Hoge. remains a solid blocker for Foster and a clutch receiver. Graham, who finally got to play in his second season, led the team with 49 catches and a 14 5-yard average with just one touchdown. But he drops too many balls, as does Dwight Stone, the other starter Watch for Ernie Mils's development. He has speed and catches the bail in traffic. Three of his 30 graps went for touchdowns. The draft brought Andre Hastings the Georgia star whose speed the NFL scouts questioned

Cowher retained the same quick, finessetype linemen from the No I era, but he changed identities, replacing veterans and falled draft choices with young players. Duval Love, acquired in Plan B, won the job at left guard and Carton Hase rig reached the Pro Bowl at right guard Dermontti Dawson estabished himself as one of the premier centers John Jackson plays left tackle opposite Searcy Both tight ends, Adrian Cooper and Eric Green, are major blocking factors in the conservative attack. The question is whether



Green will ever be as involved in the passing game as he was in his super rookie season.

The Steelers are tough to pigeonhole. They are a far better team in Three Rivers Stadium. where they have won 10 of their ast 12 0 games, than they are on the road. Yet they D were launched by a strong start last year, when they won three straight, two of them on the road. There is one disturbing pattern a weakness against NFC opposition. Three of their five losses last year were to NFC Central teams, against whom they did not score a touchdown. This year they play the tougher NEC West

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If you stick to tang bles, the Oilers are an impressive bunch. They are the only team in the league to qualify for the prayoffs in each of the last six seasons. They have nine Pro Bowl players. They were first in defense in the AFC and tied a 32-year-old team record by allowing just six rushing touchdowns. They didn't allow a 100-yard game by a receiver. Their running game improved from tenth to third in the NFL in average gain per rush. They were first in the AFC in scoring efficiency within the 20-yard line, the redizone. They got the NFL in passing for the third straight year.

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So why don't they get more respect? Because they are capable of so much more but always fail to close the sale. "When we're good, we're good," said Bruce Matthews, their great center "But when we're bad, we're pretty darn bad '

The debacle in Buffalo may have been the final straw. Other than the hiring of Ryan, the offseason was ful of recriminations. Defensive tackle Ray Childress, the Ollers' warrior of warr.ors raged over what he said was the front office's reneging on a vow to renegotiate his contract. When Ryan held his own minicamps for the defense, Childress boycotted

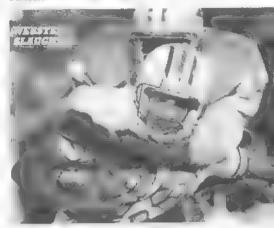




them Wide receiver Curtis Duncan had a clause in his contract that awarded him \$15,000 if he made the Pro Bowl. He did, but he tied in the voting with teammate Ernest Givins. The Oilers sent him a check for \$7,500 He sued for free agency Adams then sent a check for another \$7,500 Duncan still sued

Houston virtually ignored free agency. General manager Mike Holovak is satisfied that they have enough talent to win. He's right Their problem isn't talent. The Oilers are an older team, but there are only two places where age may be critical, with Warren Moon at quarterback and Mike Munchak at left guard Moon is 37. Yet, after he broke his arm in the tenth game last season, he returned for the playoffs and was nearly perfect in the first half against Buffalo before the whirlwind Munchak, once among the league's premier linemen, is 33 and showing it.

If Moon does falter, there is always Cody Carlson He led the Oilers to a 4-2 record



when Moon was hurt Overall, he's 7-4 as a starter. He completed 65 percent of his passes last year and threw for nine touchdowns. No matter who plays quarterback. he'll have all those impressive receivers in the run-and-shoot: Haywood Jeffires (90 catches



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and nine touchdowns). Duncan (82 recepntions), Givins (67 and 10 touchdowns), and newcomer Webster Slaughter the ex-Brown who was signed during the season (39 and four touchdowns). The draft added Southern Cal's Travs Hannah (5-7 161) who was a world-class track star in the 400 meters.

The Oilers lost one oftensive line starter left tackle Don Maggs, to free agency but gained an impressive replacement in the draft when they used their top pick to select Brad Hopkins of Inois Pardee can use Hopkins at left tackle or switch Matthews from center to that

OILERS 1992 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

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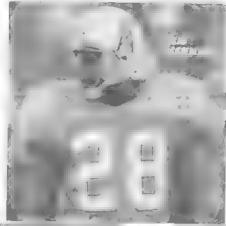
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Middle I nebacker Al Smith started in the Pro Bowl, but Ryan seems unimpressed He ost no time in publicly criticizing Smith for







carrying too much weight. Ryan's critiques could be part of his motivating technique. He likes his players omery. Smith is flanked on the left by Lamar Lathon and by Edd e Robinson on the right. Robinson made a rookle teams with his play. Micheal Barrow, the Miami Ail-America, was a second-round draft pick Childress, who had 13 sacks, was the other defensive Pro Bowl player. Left end Wil-

ram Fuller reported late because of a holdout but then recorded eight sacks during the season and two more in the playoff game. Huge Doug Smith who may not be Ryan's cup of tea and Jeff Am both hurt a year ago, will battle for right tackle. Sean Jones, the right end also held out again but finished with 81/2 sacks and hasn't missed a regular-season game in his nine-year career. Lee Williams was used as a roving I neman and finished second with 11 sacks

Starting right comer Jerry Gray was released after the season despite his teamleading six interceptions, leaving Steve Jackson and Tony Brown to vie for the open spot The erratic Cr s Dishman is on the left side. Bo Orlando returns from the injured list to compete with Marcus Robertson at free safety Bubba McDowel is a fixture on the strong side

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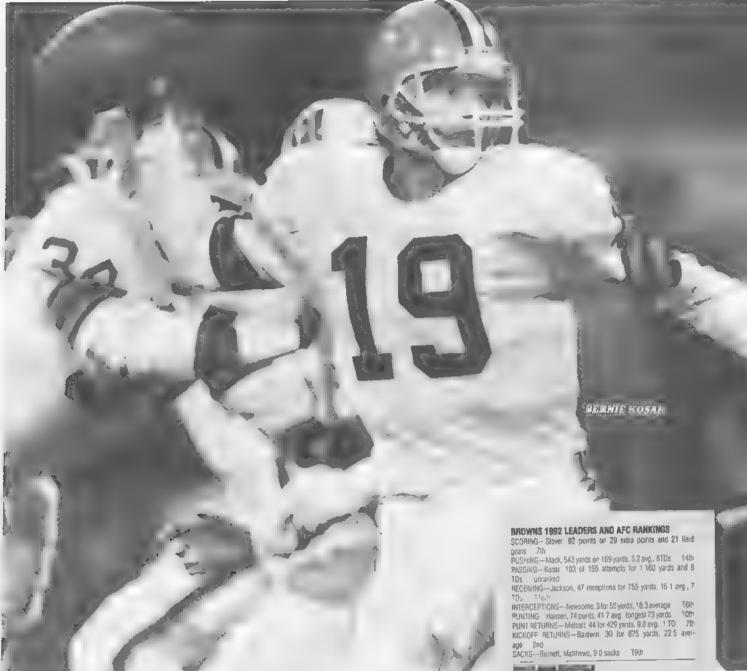
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# CLEVELAND BEOMIC

The Browns haven't qualified for the playoffs since 1989, which is about three years beyond the patience level of Art Modell, the team's owner Modell said some things after last season that sounded a lot like an ultimatum. The team has been 6-10 and 9-7 under coach Bill Belichick, but Modell told him not to take it personally. If Belichick is as bright as they say, he'll take it personally. The Browns made many moves during the offseason, enough to make them a dark horse in the division. There are football people other than Modell who expect Cleveland to be measurably better this season.

Free agency brought wide receiver Mark Carrier and quarterback Vinny Testaverde from Tampa Bay, guard Houston Hoover from Atlanta, and cornerback Najee Mustafaa (the former Reggie Rulland) from Minnesota Wheeling and dealing in the draft produced Jerry Ball, once the NFL's premier nose tackle in a trade with the Detroit Lions. The No. 1 draftee, Michigan center Steve Everitt, should start somewhere.

Belichick had to do something about his offensive line. The number of sacks it allowed is respectable, but the truth is that the Browns seldom throw downfield. Bernie Kosar, who gets knocked around enough as it is, has been throwing under the coverage almost exclusively for the last two years. The statistics always look O.K., until you discover the low yards per pass attempt. That's why Hoover was signed and Everitt was drafted. Jay Hilgenberg is the center, so look for the coaches.

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to find somewhere else to play Eventt, who is too talented to sit. Ed King is a good guard but there is talk of moving him to tackle and switching Dan Fike to guard.

The receiving should be improved with the signing of Carrier, who had 56 catches and four touchdowns for the Bucs, and the return of Lawyer Tillman (ankle) and Patrick Rowe (knee) from sick bay Michael Jackson tied for the team lead with 47 catches, seven touchdowns, and a 16-yard average. There is a hole at 1 ght end since Mark Bavaro signed with Philadelphia But the reliable Pete Holohan had 20 catches and Scott Galbraith averaged 15 8 yards on his four receptions

It's time for a reshuffle in the backfield with Tommy Vardell (369 yards) and Leroy Hoard (236 yards) playing the feature roles. The big difference now is that the Browns finally discovered how to use Eric Metcalf. He had more than 1,300 all-purpose yards, scored seven touchdowns, and tied Jackson for the most receptions on the club. Veteran fullback Kevin Mack rushed for six touchdowns and tied Paul Warfield for sixth place (53 TDs) on the Browns' all-time list.

The defensive line will have a new, rounder look with Bail joining Michael Dean Perry at tackle. The Browns drafted end Dan Footman of Flor-da State. He didn't play as impressively as he looked in college, but he could turn into a force in the pros. Rob Burnett led the linemen with 60 tackles and fived for the team lead in sacks with nine. James Jones started all 16 games in his second season and even caught a touchdown pass from Kosar in a goal-line formation against Houston. Anthony Pleasant is the other line starter.

The Browns put a premium on restocking their linebacking, drafting three of them Michael Caldwell of Middle Tennessee is valued for his athieticism, which should pay off in the nickel and dime coverages. The others are Rich McKenzie of Penn State and Travis Hill of Nebraska. The solid veteran a middle man Mike Johnson. David Brandon scored two touchdowns from his outside-backer position. Clay Matthews played well in '92 but he sign Mustafaa missed most of last season due to

njury, but he can help the Browns right away, since they we made do with retreads like Everson Wails. They must get a big season from free safety Eric Turner, who has Pro Bow ab lity. His backfield partner, Vince Newsome who led the team with 127 tack es and four fumble recoveries, was forced to retire in May when a routine physical examination revealed that his spine had narrowed as the result of a neck injury he suffered in 1988.

Metcalf takes care of the returns. Brian Hansen is an adequate punter but Robbie Keen was brought in to compete with Matt Stover for the place-kicking assignment.

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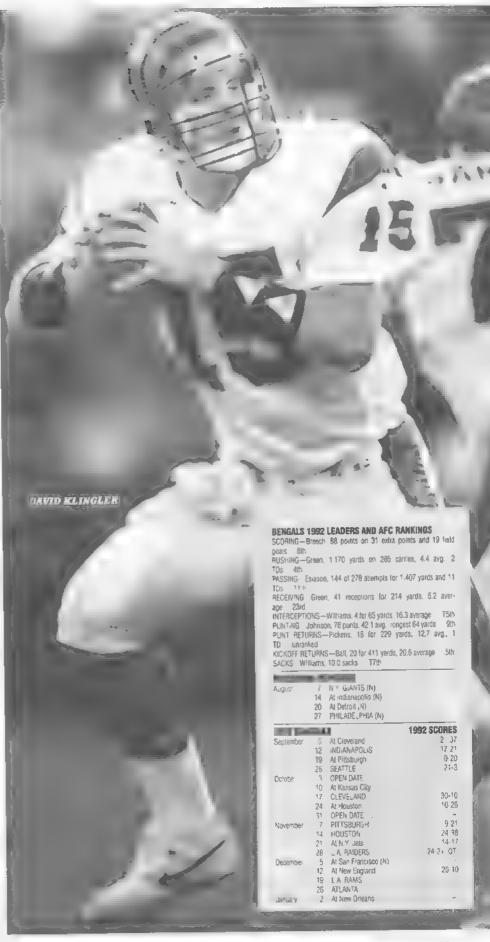
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# CINCINNATI BENGALS

The Bengals may be the least equipped NFL team to cope with free agency. For one thing, they are frugal. For another, they represent two great footbal families, the Browns and the Shulas, whose culture says you develop championship players. The Bengals still intend to live by the college draft. They had a good one this past April, collecting three players—Alabama defensive lineman John Copeland, Michigan tight end Tony McGee, and Ohio State finebacker. Steve Tovar—who should provide help almost immediately.

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even with a successful draft, the Bengals bear the look of a last-place team.

Unofficially, the Boomer Esiason era at quarterback ended last season when David Klingler, the future of the team, took over It became official in the spring when Esiason was traded to the New York Jets and coach David Shula announced that the offense would drop the play-action characteristic from its repertoire, which was the trademark of Boomer's salad days Klingler will be a classic, drop-back passer. He learned the hard way last season, completing fewer than half of his 98 passes, throwing for just three touchdowns and getting the stripes knocked off his





helmet when the Pittsburgh Steelers sacked him 11 times in one game. The Bengals' commitment to Klingler is so deep that Jay Schroeder was signed as the backup. After his Raider days, Schroeder has a "for emergency use only" stamp on him.

In order to give Klingler some time, Jim McNally, one of the most respected offensive line coaches in the league, will have to make chicken salad out of chicken scratch. The only line starter with a reputation is left guard Bruce

Kozerski Right tackle Joe Waiter is showing signs of wear. Kevin Sargent started at left tackle as a rookie free agent, but he may be needed at center. Mike Withycombe should fit in somewhere. Tom Scott of East Carolina was the only lineman drafted and he was just a sixth-round pick.



Only Seattle had poorer passing production than Cincinnati, which averaged only 121.4 yards per game. It didn't help that wide receiver Tim McGee (35 catches) was signed by Washington. With Eddie Brown still a serious question because of injury, Klingler's main targets will be the erratic Reggie Rem-

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starting job at tight end

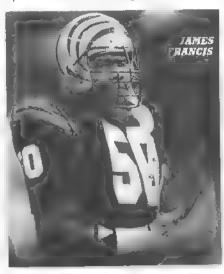
The outlook is a lot originter with the running game. Harold Green looked like a big James Brooks at times, finishing fourth in the AFC with 1,170 rushing yards. He also led the Bengals in receiving with 41 catches, although they averaged a mere 5.2 yards. The Bengals matched the Jets' offer sheet to Derrick Fenner, so the expectation is that he and Green will be in the lineup at the same time, which should be a help to Klingjer.

The pass-defense statistics are a contradiction. The Bengals had a robust sack total, 45, but they were last in the AFC in average passing yards yielded (2079). The star up front is Alfred Williams, who had 10 sacks. The star in the making is Copeland, the top draft pick, whom the consensus of pro scouls considered the best college lineman. The Bengals need a turnaround by Lamar Rogers and quicker development of Roosevelt Nix and Mike Frier since starters Dan Stupbs and Tim Krumrie would fit better as backups.

The Bengals wanted a linebacker to stop the run and Tovar, the No 3 draftee, may be the man. Outside linebacker James Francis, an all-round talent is the team's best defender. It's hoped Tovar can line up immediately with Ricardo McDonald, last year's rookie surprise. Cornerback Eric Thomas, their best

cover man, signed with the Jets, a loss the Bengals couldn't afford. Nickel back Leonard Wheeler inherits the Job. Rod Jones, the left corner, had a rocky year. The safeties, veterans Darryl Williams at free and David Fulcher on the strong side, are solid. Williams could become a star. Fulcher plays with painful burstis in his ankle, a worry that was inflated by Barney Bussey's departure to Tampa Bay.

Doug Peifrey, Kentucky's place-kicker was drafted to challenge veteran Jim Breech (19 for 27). Lee Johnson is a reliable punter More zip is needed in the return game





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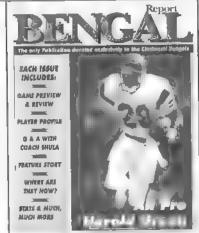
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# CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# PREDICTIONS

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- 1 Calgary Stampeders
- 2 Edmonton Esk mos 3 Saskatchewan Roughriders
- 4 British Columbia Lions 5 Sacramento Gold Miners

EASTERN DIVISION 1 Winnipeg Blue Bombers 2 Toronto Argonauts

3 Hamilton Tiger Cats 4 Otlawa Rough Riders

son had projected the sale of 25,000 season tickets, a major portion of which would be large blocks of corporate seats. The business community, however wasn't so eager to jump on Benson's bandwagon

Smith tried desperately during the following week to find a replacement for San Antonio He approached individuals who had expressed interest in placing teams in Orlando and in the Akron-Toledo-Canton area in 1994 to see if they could accelerate the ripians and be operational for 1993. But in the end, he came away resigned to going with a nine-team league for the '93 season Anderson, who also had operated a franchise in the WLAF, remained committed to fielding a CFL

# by RICK MATSUMOTO

TOPONTO STAR

Canadian Football League functionaries now have their own reason to 'Remember the Alamo." But their recollection won't be marked with the same chest-puffing pride that Texans display for Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, and William Travis, the legenday figures who died in a futile defense of the front er fortress nstead, their brief brush with the Lone Star State will be remembered as a moment when the battered mage of the CFL suffered yet another bruise

Led by commissioner Larry Smith, seven of the eight established teams had agreed in a historic vote on January 12 to grant the first two franchises ever awarded outside Canada to the San Antonio Texans and the Sacramento Gold Miners. The vote was taken at a board of governors meeting in Caigary, but the official announcement was reserved for a gala press conference in Toronto the following day, on which the newest members of the league San Antonio's Larry Benson and Sacramento's Fred Anderson were ntroduced to the media Just two weeks later, however at the annual Coach of the Year dinner in Edmonton, an embarrassed Smith was forced to announce that Benson had backed out. There would be no football, at least not the threedowns, 12-man-platoon Canadian version at the brand-new Alamodome in San Antonio

Smith, who took a barrage of flak from those who felt he had been in too much of a hurry to expand into the U.S., insisted it was the failure of corporate sponsors in San Antonio to come through with promised support for the Texans and not a lack of funds that caused Benson and his partners to have second thoughts about joining the CFL. Smith explained that while Benson, whose wealthy family includes his brother Tom, the owner of the New Orleans Saints, had the money to meet the first \$650,000 installment of the \$3 million franchise fee and the \$6 million first-year operatng capital, he was unwilling to risk it without committed backing from the community. Ben-



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team in Sacramento. "I guess we'll be the Lone Ranger" quipped Anderson, who left no doubt that he felt betrayed by Benson

Smith's troubles weren't over. There was still the question of how the CFL rule requiring each team to carry 20 Canadians, or non-imports, in CFL jargon, on its 37-man roster could be imposed on a team based in a U.S. city. As early as last fall, when he officially revealed the CFL expansion plans, Smith let it be known that he wanted to rid the league of its quota system that allowed teams to carry no more than 17 import (read American) players. The CFL Players' Association, as might be expected objected to Smith's long-range plan. While it agreed that the quota system.



could not be imposed in the long run on a U.S.-based team, it was determined that the rule would remain intact for teams in Canada Without a quota system, it argued, Canadian players, who usually don't start playing football until high school, would not be given the opportunity to catch up to Americans, who begin the sport at a much earlier age. The CFL coaches—most of whom are Americans—would simply opt for an American player, who, immediately at least, is more proficient.

Smith presented a five-year plan to the CFLPA that would gradually eliminate an imposed Canadian quota. It was immediately rejected. Smith then declared that the league had no alternative but to abide by the collective bargaining agreement with the union for the remaining two years of the pact. But he added that Sacramento would be allowed to field an all-import lineup if it chose to do so That brought quick condemnation from the Players' Association president, George Reed, who vowed that the association would fight the league. "The gloves are off," said Reed "We're not going to bend over when the league comes to us asking for our help."

The players were already in a less than benevolent mood following the league's decision to reduce the salary cap from \$3 million to \$2.5 million But with almost all the teams losing money in 1992, the players were resigned to taking pay cuts ranging as high as 30 percent in some cases

Overall, Smith's success in getting the teams to agree to a cleaning up of the league's financial mess was hailed by the players and fans as a positive step. As was his handling of the shaky situations in Hamilton

# 1992 CFL FINAL STANDINGS

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Hamilton	11	- 7	0	35	536	514
Ottawa	9	- 9	-0	18	484	439
Toronto	-6	12	0	12	469	523

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and B.C.. where the franchises appeared to be on the verge of collapse before new owners were found for each club. And except for the Winnipeg Blue Bomber brass, who have been adamantly opposed to expansion into the U.S., most observers were on Smith's side in believing that expansion was necessary for the survival of the CFL. But everyone agreed that it should not come about at the expense of eliminating the Canadian from the Canadian Football League

## WHITE THE RESTREET

# CALGORY WINDSTEEL

The Stampeders will be trying to do what no CFL team has done for 11 years. Win back-to-back Grey Cups. No host team has done that since the now-defunct Montreal Alouettes in 1977. The last CFL team to win successive Grey Cups was the Edmonton Eskimos whose 1982 victory was the last in their incredible string of five straight titles.

Facing such enormous odds, the Stampeders would be more than satisfied simply to be back in the Grey Cup game, which will be played in their backyard, McMahon Stadium, on November 28 And nothing would please Stampeder owner Larry Ryckman more after he shelled out \$300,000 to the Toronto Argonauts to gain the rights to this year's game The Argos had obtained the rights as part of the agreement when Bruce McNall bought the Double Blue in 1991 But after Torontonians, who were still entranced with the Blue Jays' World Series victory, showed little enthusiasm in last November's Grey Cup (only 42,000some 8,000 short of capacity-attended the game), McNall was pleased to dump the rights on Ryckman

The Stampeders' owner, however, won't have any trouble selling the game in Cowtown, especially if the Stamps are part of the show. That's what Ryckman is counting on And as long as he has Doug Flutie (Boston College) calling the signals and providing the leadership and excitement at quarterback, Ryckman has an excellent chance of coming out a winner on the field and at the box office.

Wally Buono, who earned Coach of the Year honors after guiding the Stamps to last year's title, will not have to make many adjustments to his lineup. The only forced changes will come in the defensive backfield where all-star Darryl Hall (Washington) headed off to the NFL and rover Greg Peterson (BYU) called it quits after nine seasons. Ken Watson (Livingston), who was in and out of the lineup last year, could wind up in Hall's spot

Flutie, who passed for 5,945 yards and 32 touchdowns last season, will continue to be blessed with the CFL's best receivers in Allen Pitts (Fullerton State), who led the league in receiving with 103 catches for 1,591 yards: David Sapunjis (Western Ontario) 77-1 317, and Carl Bland (Virginia Union), 72-1,052. Running back Keyvan Jenkins (UNLV), whose often overlooked blocking skills allowed Flutie the extra time to scramble, and Canadian Andrew McVey (Toronto) fill out the backfield

The Stamps added some international flavor and impressive size to their talent-laden defensive line when they made Mark Pearce, a 6-6, 278-pound native of England who spent two seasons with Barcelona of the World League and a year at Nova Scotia's Cape Breton University, their first-round pick in the Canadian university draft. His arrival may have signaled the end of Kent Warnock's days as a Stampeder. The team is high on two other Canadian linemen, Srecko Zizakovic (Ohio State) and Harald Hasselbach (Washington) and

with the addition of Pearce, rumors were that Warnock, who had a tryout with the Pittsburgh Steelers, would be elsewhere this season.

# EDMINET NUTWINGS

The Eskimos appeared to have created a huge hole in their lineup when they decided they couldn't afford quarterback Tracy Ham and shipped him to Toronto as the main prize in a dramatic 16-player trade. But six weeks later, the Eskimos plugged that opening when they swung a second deal, this time with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, for Damon Allen. Oddly enough, Allen, the younger brother of the LA. Raiders' Marcus Allen, had been the Eskimos' No. 1 quarterback before he jumped to Ottawa as a free agent in 1989 for more money than Edmonton was offering. In doing so, he paved the way for Ham to assume the starting role with the Eskimos

After three years in Ottawa, Allen moved on to Hamilton last season as a free agent and for a substantial raise. But this year, moving didn't coincide with a pay hike. In fact, with the league having reduced its salary cap, Allen reportedly accepted a cut from the Eskimos in order to stay off the unemployment list.

Rickey Foggie (Minnesota), another Argo transplant, and Tom Muecke (Baylor) will compete for the backup role. Foggie, described by head coach Ron Lancaster as the team's quarterback of the future, will likely stay put. There may be another quarterback in the wings in Rickey Jones (Alabama State), a who spent last season as a defensive back with the L.A. Rams.

Allen, who will be working for new offensive coordinator Adam Rita, the former Toronto head coach, has a fine set of targets in Jim Sandusky (San Diego State), who caught 78 passes for 1,243 yards last year, the ever-undangerous Henry "Gizmo" Williams (Eastern Scarolina), D.K. Smith (Central State), the Argos' all-time leading receiver who came West in the big trade, and Eddie Brown (lowa State). There is some patching to do on the line, where guard Pierre Vercheval (Western Ontario) left for a tryout with the Detroit Llons and Trevor Bowles (San Jose State) retired.

Although the Eskimos' 51 sacks last season fied them for second place with the Argos, Lancaster is looking to put even more pressure on opposing passers. To that end he's hoping that tackle Leonard Johnson (Georgia Military), picked up from the Argos, will aid last year's leader, Bennie Goods (Alcom State), who had 10 sacks. The linebacking crew led by Willie Pless (Kansas), the CFL's outstanding defensive player, and Leroy Blugh (Bishop's) is solid. The return of perennial all-star Don Wilson (North Carolina State), a so in the Argo trade, will offset the loss of Enis Jackson in the same deal

Place-kicker Sean Fleming (Wyoming) will have to improve or he could lose his job to rookie John Cutler (Alberta), the son of former Edmonton great Daye Cutter

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Kent Austin may just find out how some of his rival quarterbacks live. In his five full seasons in Regina, the 30-year-old Austin (Mississippi) has enjoyed the luxury of working behind a solid, experienced offensive line. That's al-

lowed him to become one of the CFL's all-time passing leaders. Last season, for example, he led the CFL in passing attempts (770), completions (459), yardage (6,225), and completion percentage (59 6). But the line has started to develop some cracks. Roger Aldag finally called it quits after 17 years with his hometown Riders, leaving a huge gap at right guard. Center Mike Anderson (San Diego State) and tackle Vic Stevenson (Calgary) were released after rejecting pay cuts, and tackle Craig Hendrickson (Minnesota) was also balking at the idea of a reduced salary. Guard Chris Gioskos (Ottawa) signed as a free agent with the B C. Lions.

Head coach Don Matthews isn't panicking, however. To begin with, he expects Anderson, Stevenson, and Hendrickson back in the fold. And he feels that Paul Vajda, who missed all of last season, and Hendrickson's brother, Scott, will be adequate replacements for



Groskos and Aldag. Just in case they're not, the Riders have also recruited former Pittsburgh Steeler Terry Long, and Matthews said he wouldn't hesitate to go with an import on the line, something that hasn't been seen for several seasons in the CFL

If Austin can get any semblance of pass protection from his line, he'll continue to assault passing records. Besides his own throwing skills, including a quick release, Austin has a fine receiving corps led by slotbacks Ray Elgaard (Utah), who earned his second award as Most Outstanding Canadian last season, and Jeff Fairholm (Arizona), both of whom went over the 1,000-yard mark again Reaching that plateau for the fourth straight year was Don Narcisse (Texas Southern). Newcomer Byron Williams (Texas-Arlington) is the fourth member of the unit

Mike Saunders (fowa) will give veteran Lucius Floyd (Nevada) a battle at running back Brad Elberg (Queen's), the hero of the Vanier Cup, Canada's university championship, was the team's No. 1 pick in the draft. He opted to sign with the Philadelphia Eagles, but could be back in Regina by Labor Day if he doesn't make it

To employ an import offensive lineman Matthews would have to use a Canadian at the linebacking spot occupied last year by Tyrone Jones (Southern), who has asked to be traded. Dan Grayson (Washington State) finished in the middle last year, but he'll get competition from newcomers Kevin Singleton and Ricky Anderson (Washington)

Matthews feels that even with the retirement of Robert Banks, he still has one of the league's best front fours in Bobby Jurasin (Northern Michigan) and Lance Cook (The Cathedral) at end and Jerald Baylis (Southern Mississippi) and Gary Lewis (Oklahoma State) at tackle Matthews does plan to do some experimenting in the secondary, where he'll move Ventson Donelson (Michigan State) inside and let Charles Anthony (UNLV) and Stacey Hairston (Ohio Northern) battle for the other halfback spot

# SEATTLE LULDWICK LINES

Fans out in Lotustand would like nothing better than to believe that their Lions are finally solid as a brick. After two years of turmoil under the heiter-skelter ownership of flamboyant stock promoter Murray Pezim, the Lions were purchased midway through tast season by Edmonton businessman Bill Comrie, who owns a string of furniture and appliance stores aptly called "The Brick."

In an effort to begin anew, Comrie dismissed Bob O'Billovich as general manager and head coach after the team had completed its 3-15 season. He brought in Eric Tillman, the long-time director of the Senior Bowl in Mobile, AL, whose previous CFL experience was as the personnel director of the Montreal



Concordes in the early 1980s, Tillman then hired Dave Ritchie, the defensive coordinator of the Ottawa Rough Riders, as head coach.

The twosome wasted little time making personnel moves aimed at getting the Lions back on the winning track and fans back in the empty seats at the B.C. Place dome The Lions were the first team to go the free-agent route when they signed safety Sean Foudy (York) and defensive end Rob Prodanovic (Caigary) off the Ottawa Rough Riders' 1992 roster. The moves obviously didn't upset the Riders because the two clubs turned around and swapped a total of eight players, with the Lions getting guard Rob Smith (Utah State)

cornerback Less Browne (Colorado State), the league's interception leader the last three years, and linebacker Patrick Wayne (Simon Fraser) Among those going to Ottawa were guard Chris Gioskos (Ottawa), who had been signed as a free agent from Saskatchewan just a week earlier. The acquisition of Smith gives the Lions the CFL's Outstanding Offensive Lineman award winners for the past three seasons Smith won it last year and Jim Mills (Hawaii) in 1990 and '91

Speed on defense, however, was Tillman and Ritchie's main concern. They addressed that by not only acquiring Browne, Wayne Foudy, and Prodonovic, but by grabbing safety Patrick Burke (San Jose Community College) with the No. 1 overall pick in the draft and adding a second defens ve back in Tom Europe (Bishop's) with their second choice The Lions were also looking forward to the return of tackle Derek MacCready (Ohio State), who didn't play a down last season after blowing out a knee on the first day of training camp

Danny Barrett (Cincinnati) has been reaffirmed as the starting quarterback despite a forgettable '92 season. Tillman attributed Barrett's poor performance to injuries and to a system that was more suited to Doug Flutie, Barrett's predecessor. Tillman also signed Jason Verduzco (Illinois), a 5-9 strong-armed passer whom many are likening to Flutie

The one dark cloud hanging over the Lions was their ongoing feud with running back Jon Volpe (Stanford), the CFL's Rookie of the Year in 1991 and the runner-up for the rushing leadership last season. Volpe rejected a leadership last season. Volpe rejected a g \$110,000 offer, which left him at approximateby the same salary as last season, and instead demanded \$130,000 to return and play out his option or \$250,000 per season to sign a new § three-year deal Tillman finally removed the B club's offer from the table and ordered the explosive ball carrier to show up at camp under the terms of his existing contract or face suspension. Just in case Volpe dug in his heels and sat out the season, Tliman resigned former Winnipeg Blue Bomber Robert Mimbs, the CFL's rushing leader in 1990-91

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Fred Anderson doesn't wear a black mask, ride a white horse, or shoot silver bullets, but nonetheless the Gold Miners' affable owner finds himself in the self-proclaimed role of the Lone Ranger as he heads into his inaugurar season in the CFL. He's found out it's a role fraught with unexpected, annoying, and worrisome hurdles.

Just two weeks after making the decision to buy into the CFL for a \$3 million expansion fee, Anderson, a Sacramento building supplies dealer, found himself deserted by his "kemo sabe" when San Antonio Texans owner Larry Benson, who had also been granted a franchise, changed his mind (or had it changed for him by his partners) and decided not to go boldly into a league where no American had gone before.

Annoyed at Benson's withdrawal, Anderson announced he would be "the Lone Ranger," the first U.S. team in the 110-year-old Canadian league But several weeks later, with training camp rapidly approaching, there must

have been moments when Anderson wondered if he wouldn't have been wise to hightail it out of there along with Benson before turning over the first \$650,000 installment of his franchise fee

The Gold Miners, who won the World League of American Football championship as the Surge last spring found themselves starting from scratch in putting together a team. Most of the better Surge players, such as quarterback David Archer (Philadelphia Eagles) had either gone to the NFL or had been gobbled up by CFL teams, as was the case with wide receiver Eddie "Downtown" Brown (Edmonton) Then there was the prolonged delay in determining whether Sacramento would have to use Canadian players Finally, after negotiations between the CFL and its players' association broke, it was de-

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cided that the Miners would be allowed to field an all-American roster if they chose to do so. But by then it was March, and the Miners had

yet to sign their first player.

One-time Buffalo Birls head coach Kay Stephenson who had guided the Surge to their WLAF title, was confirmed as the Miners' coach He and GM Tom Huiskens set about ocating and signing players. But few were household names outside of their own homes. Among the few recognizable names for CFL fans was Jerry Kauric, who kicked the winning field goal for the Edmonton Eskimos in the 1987 Grey Cup game and then jumped to the Cleveland Browns in 1990, where he beat out veteran Matt Barr. But a year later, Kaunc was out of work, and after a brief stint in Calgary, he played for the Ohio Glory in the WLAF in '92 Another former CFLer is wide receiver Troy Johnson (Southern), who spent the 1991 season with Winnipeg after a stop with the San Diego Chargers

The Miners got their first break in April when Archer returned to the fold. A free agent. Archer negotiated with the Eagles as well as the Steelers and Broncos, but decided that his best opportunity to be a starting quarterback was back in Sacramento. The Miners were eager to bring Archer back because of his

popularity as a player with the Surge. For much the same reason, the Miners were concentrating their other signing efforts on former Surge players and those who had been standouts in the many colleges in the Sacramento area. Among those signed were running back Mike Pringle (Cal Fullerton), offensive lineman Brad Henke (Arizona), and Inebacker Mark Leabetter (Washington State)

Sacramento also dipped into the past when it talked David Wilson, the 34-year-old former quarterback of the New Orleans Saints out of

retirement

# EASTERN DIVISION

# WINDSHIP OF RALLS OF STREET

in last fall's Grey Cup game, the Caigary Stampeders' \$1 million quarterback, Doug Flutie, dominated the Bide Bombers' \$500,000 quarterback, Matt Dunigan, in taking the Stamps to a decisive 24-10 victory While Flutie was the clear-cut winner in the ultimate battle of the CFL's two highest paid players, the fact is that Dunigan (Louisiana Tech) had less talent to work with And upgrading that talent within the CFL's reduced \$2.5 million salary cap is the task facing Cai Murphy, the Bombers' GM and coach.

if anyone can do it it's Murphy, who has returned to his dual positions after undergoing heart transplant surgery last July. Although often criticized for being frugal, Murphy, the self-described "dinosaur," has managed to put a contending team on the field season after season. Last year was no exception. Despite being hospitarized, Murphy had left the team in the capable hands of assistant GM Lyle Bauer and assistant coach Urban Bowman. They took the team to its third Grey Cup

appearance in the last five years

The Bombers came up with a brilliant new running back in CFL Rookie of the Year Mike Richardson (Louisiana Tech) who won the rushing crown with 1,153 yards after replacing Robert Mimbs early in the season, Murphy will have to come up with more finds like Richardson to give the Bomber attack, which generated 2,500 fewer yards than the Stampeders, more punch. The top need is at wide recerver, especially after Larry Thompson (Soland College), the No. 1 target suffered gunshot wounds in a mistaken-identity shootno at his Fairfield, CA, home in early March Whether he's fully recovered won't be known until training camp Former Philadelphia Eagles second-round draft pick Mike Beliamy (Illinois) is a strong contender for one wideout.

With Danny McManus (Florida State) having prayed out his option and Sammy Garza (UTEP) undergoing a shoulder operation, the Bombers recruited a pair of quarterbacks to compete for the backup job behind Dunigan. former Houston Oiler Reggie Siack (Auburn) and rookie Keithen McCant (Nepraska)

Defensively, the Bombers gave up 499 points and relinquished their long-standing honor as the stinglest defense in the league. The retirement of cornerback Rod Hill (Kentucky State ) and the expected departure of veteran linebacker James West (Texas Southern) has prompted a rebuilding program. Corian Freeman (Fiorida State) is a prime candidate to replace West, while Mark Berry is expected to step in for Hill

# TERRATOR ABBOTANCE

Will he or won't he? That was the question being asked ad nauseam about owner Bruce McNall's intentions surrounding his costly investment, Raghib (Rocket) ismail, as training camp approached Scarcely a week went by without some speculation that McNall was ready to sack ismail, to whom he was doling out \$4.5 million a year for four years.

Though not an impact prayer (What wide receiver is?). Ismail has been a more than adequate performer, leading the league in kickoff returns and linishing second in combined yardage, McNall's concern with Ismail centered not on his on-field performance, but with his seeming failure to perform his off-field duties, for which he was receiving one of the highest salaries in pro football Ismail has been accused of showing up for practice at the last minute (second?) to avoid reporters, failing to keep appointments, and skipping out early when he does attend a charity or

promotional gathering

Regardless of his foliles, Ismail was not the Argos' problem last season when they turnbled from Grey Cup champions to also-rans in 11 short months. The club's downfall began last May when they failed to re-sign quarterback Matt Dunigan, who ended up jumping to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Without skill and leadership at the pivotal position, the Argos were a ship without a helmsman. With Rickey Foggie, John Congemi, Mike Kerrigan, and A Blair Kiel taking turns calling the signals, the Argos managed to win just three of their first 11 games. That cost Adam Rita, who had received Coach of the Year honors just nine months earlier, his job.

The Argos made sure they would not be shortchanged at quarterback this season. In a blockbuster 16-player trade in January, they acquired veteran Tracy Ham (Georgia Southern) from the Edmonton Eskimos. With Foggie going the other way in the trade, Dennis Meyer, who took over from Rita, will likely select Kerrigan (Northwestern) as Ham's backup.

Mouse Davis returns to the Argos as offensive coordinator after a 10-year sojourn through the USFL NFL and WLAF to re-institute the run-and-shoot attack. Ham, an excellent runner with a strong arm and a keen instinct for the game, should thrive

Defensively, the Argos gave up all-star back Don Wilson (North Carolina State) to Edmonton but received an att-star in return in Enis Jackson (Memphis State) Meyer will have to find come up with replacements for cornerback Ed Berry (Utah State), who was also part of the trade, and for Carl Brazley (Western Kentucky), who retired,

# HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

It was just a matter of time before Don McPherson (Syracuse) became the Ticats' No. 1 quarterback. He got the top job without even a training camp battle this year, having been promoted automatically when Damon Allen was sent to the Edmonton Eskimos in the offseason in a four-for-one trade. In dealing Allen the Ticats, who were taken over by a

group of local businessmen headed by Roner Yachetti and ex-TiCat John Michaluk last year. rid themselves of a \$300,000 contract

McPherson Joined the Ticats midway through the 1991 season after being released by the Philadelphia Eagles. While he's seen just limited playing time, especially after Hamilton signed Allen as a free agent last year, he has shown flashes of the passing and running abilities needed to be a quarterback in the CFL. With Allen's departure, 31-year-old Todd Dillon (Long Beach) seems assured of being McPherson's backup, white Dechane Cameron (Clemson), who was obtained in the Atlen deal, will be brought along as No 3



Head coach John Gregory earned considerable applause for turning the 3-15 Ticats into an 11-7 contender for the Eastern Division title last season. He was rewarded with the added title of GM when Joe Zuger ended a 26-year relationship with the team as a player, coach, and executive by retiring in January

Gregory's added responsibilities left him with the headache of trying to re-sign a record total of 22 players who had become free agents after playing out their options, included on the fist were veteran center Dale Sanderson (Tennessee), guard Jason Riley (British Columbia) defensive linemen David Barley (Oklahoma State), Mark Mraz (Utah State), and Jeff Fields (Arkansas), linebacker John Motton (Akron), and defensive backs Corris Ervin (Central Florida), Tim Jackson (Nebraska), and Terry Wright (Temple) Fields and Ervin hoped to land jobs in the NFL. The Ticats did pick up an excellent linebacker in DeWayne Odum (California) in the Allen deal,

Gregory was able to take a large load off his mind when he re-signed Ken Evraire (Wilfrid Laurier), who blossomed into the best homebrew slotback in the East last season after four undistinguished seasons split between Ottawa and Hamilton Evraire, who hauled in 61 passes for 1,081 yards, tops on the team last year, had played out his option and was being heavily courted by B.C. If Gregory had anything going for him in his efforts to re-sign the free agents, it was the fact that rival GMs were faced with the same salary restrictions and

were not in a position to entice players away from Hamilton with promises of rich contracts.

The Ticats could be in the market for a punter/place-kicker if veteran Paul Osbaldiston arranges a deal with the B.C. Lions that would return him to his hometown of Vancouver.

# DALMINY POOR WHILE

There'll be no Dexter Manley-type experiments this summer in the nation's capital. The Riders brought in the former Washington Redskins' defensive end whose drug problems ended his NFL career not only to hype the gate but to add his once awesome pass-rushing skills to their line. Manley was a model citizen who turned out to be an outstanding goodwill ambassador for the club. But he was a bust on the field and didn't get to play a regular season game

This year the Riders will concentrate on improving their on-field performance, particularly on offense, hoping that a strong Grey Cup contender, rather than a gimmick, will attract the fans. In their first season after nearly poing under as a franchise, the resuscilated Riders rose to 9-9 under rookie head coach Ron. Smeltzer. However, an inconsistent attack prevented them from taking advantage of the best defense in the league and topping the 500 mark. That's Smeltzer's task this season.

Smeltzer's first step will be to sort out his quarterbacks. "We're going to have a definite 1-2-3 order," said Smeltzer Tom Burgess (Colgate) returned to the Riders, with whom he started his CFL career in 1986, after losing his job to Matt Dunigan in Winnipeg. While he started Burgess most of the time, Smeltzer established a unique pattern of giving backups Scott Campbell (Purdue) and Terrance Jones (Tulane) playing time in the second quarter regardless of how the game was progressing. The idea was to acclimate both to game conditions. Campbell's sudden retirement in late April more or less solved his problem. Burgess will start, with Jones the backup The No. 3 spot will go to rookie Cornelius Benson (Connecticut), who will be given the opportunity to develop

Smaltzer will be looking to give wide receiver Stephen Jones (Central Michigan), who had 75 catches for 1,400 yards last year, some help Speedy Wayne Walker (Texas Tech) could be that man Smeltzer lost guard Rob Smith, the CFL's top offensive lineman, who requested a trade to his hometown B C Lions. In return, the Riders received a promising lineman in Chris Gioskos, who had attend-

ed the University of Ottawa

Defensively, the Riders could find themselves scrambling to fill holes if linebackers Angelo Snipes (West Georgia) and Brian Bonner (Minnesota) sign elsewhere. The Riders lost safety Sean Foudy (York) to B.C as a free agent, then sent veteran cornerback Less Browne (Colorado State) and linebacker Patrick Wayne (Simon Fraser) to the Lions as part of an eight-player deal. Smeltzer got good news when rush end Greg Stumon (Southern Arkansas) re-signed after playing out his option. Smeltzer is high on Daved Benefield (Cal-Northridge), who spent last season on the practice roster after being unable to dislodge Snipes, the Eastern nominee for the teague's outstanding defensive player





RECORDS
Points: 176, Paul Hornung, Green Bay (1960)
Touchdowns: 24, John Riggins, Washington (1983)
Field goals: 35, All Maji-Shelkh New York (1983)
Extra points: 62 Mark Moseley, Washington (1983)

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San Francisco54	22	29	3	53	54	18	27	0	431
Da las 48	20	23	5	47	48	24	35	1	409
Minnesota 45	19	18	8	45	45	19	25	- 1	374
Philadelphia 44	19	20	5	40	44	16	25	1	354
New Orleans	10	19	6	33	35	29	34	0	330
Atlanta 30	3	33	3	39	39	18	22	0	327
I & Pares 28	12	23	3	38	38	15	20	- 1	313
N.Y Giants36	20	14	2	36	36	18	23	0	306
Washington 30	10	15	5	30	30	30	40	0	300
Chicago. 34	15	17	2	34	34	19	26	. 0	295
Green Bay	7	20	3	30	30	22	29	0	276
Detroit 20	Ď.	16	5	30	30	21	26	0	273
Terror Day 22	12	17	4	33	33	12	22	0	267
Phoenix	11	15	3	28	29	13	26	1	243

RICKERS				
XP	ΧРА	FG	FGA	PTS
Andersen, Morten NO 33	34	29	34	120
Lohmiller Chip, Wash 30	30	30	40	120
Elliott, Lin, Dall	48	24	35	119
Cofer, Mike S.F	54	18	27	107
Reveiz Fuad, Minn 45	45	19	25	102
Jacke. Chris, G B	30	22	29	96
Hanson, Jason Det , 30	30	21	26	93
Johnson, Norm, Att 39	39	18	22	93
Butter Kevin, Chi 34	34	19	26	91
Ruzek Roger, Phil	- 44	16	25	88
Zenderas, Tony, Rams	38	15	20	83
Bahr Matt Giants	29	16	21	- 77
Davis, Greg Phoe	28	13	26	67
Willis, Ken. T.BGiants	27	10	16	57
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Smith, Emmitt, Dall	18	- 1	0	114
Allen, Terry, Minn	13	2	0	90
Hampton, Rodney, Grants	- 14	0	0	84
Sharpe, Sterling, G.B	- 0	13	0	76
Anderson, Neal, Chr	- 5	6	0	66
Rice, Jerry, S.F 11	- 1	10	0	-66
Rison, Andre. Att	- 0	- 11	-0	66
Watters, Ricky, S.F	9	2	0	66
Gary, Cleveland, Rams	- 7	- 3	0	60
Havnes, Michael, Att	- 0	10	0	- 60
Sanders, Barry, Det	9	- 1	0	60
Walker, Herschel, Phil	- 8	2	-0	60
Cobb. Reggie, T.B.	9	- 0	0	- 54
Rathman, Tom, S.F9	- 5	- 4	Ω	54
Anderson, Willie, Rams 7	- 0	- 7	0	42
Byner, Earnest, Wash7	- 6	- 1	0	42

Hilliard, Dalton, N.O.	7	2	4	0	42
rvin, Michael, Dall.	7	6	7	0	42
Will arms, Calvin, Ph.1	7	0	7	D	42
Barnett, Fred, Phil.	6	n	6	0	36
Carter, Cris, Minn	6	6	6 0	0	36 36
Johnson Johnny Phoe	6	5	1	0	36
Lang David Rams Novacek, Jay, Dall.	6	0	6	0	36
Sherman, Heath, Phil	6	5	1	0	36
Clark, Gary, Wash.	5	(ì	5	0	30
Cunningham Randall, Phil.	5	5	0	0	30
Farly, Ou nn, N.O.	5	0	5	0	30
Green, Willie, Del.	5	0	5	0	30
Lewis, Darren, Chr	5	4	0 5	1	30 30
Martin, Eric, N.O.	5	0	3	2	30
Martin, Kelvin, Dall. McCalfrey, Ed. Grants	5	Ö	5	0	30
Muster, Brad, Chr.	5	3	2	0	30
Prichard, Mike, Att.	5	0	5	0	30
Bunch, Jarrod, Giants	4	3	1	0	24
Carrier Mark, T.B.	4	D	4	0	24
Craig, Roger, Minn.	4	4	0	0	24
Hall Ron T.B	4	0	4	0	24
Harper, Alvin, Dall.	4	0	4	0	24
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Waddle Tom Ch.	4	0	4	0	24 24
Young, Steve C.F.	3	1	2	0	18
Byars, Keith, Phil Carter, Anthony, Minn	3	1	2	0	18
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Chadwink Jeff, Rams	3	0	3	0	18
Dunbar Vaughr, N.O.	3	3	0	0	18
Ellard, Henry, Rams	3	0	3	0	18
Heyward, Craig, N.O.	3	3	0	0	18
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Sanders, Ricky, Wash.	3	0	3	0	18
Small, Torrance M.O.	3	2	1	ő	18
Sydney, Harry, G.B. Taylor, John, S.F	3	0	3	0	18
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PASSING RECORDS

Completions: 353, Don Majkowski, Green Bay (1989) Touchdowns. 36, Y.A. Titlle, New York (1963)

Yards: 4,614, Neil Lomax, St. Louis (1984)

Longest for TD: 99 yards, Frank Filchock to Andy Farkas, Washington (1939) 99 yards, George Izo to Bobby Mitchell, Washington (1963) 99 yards, Karl Sweetan to Pat Studstill, Detroit (1966)

99 yards, Sonny Jurgensen to Gerry Alten, Washington (1968)

99 yards, Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick, Philadelphia (1985)

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Favre Brett, G B	302	64.1	3227	6.85	18	3.8	176	13	2.8	34	208	85.3
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Everett, Jim, Rams	281	59.2	3323	7.00	22	4.6	167	18	3.8	26	204	80.2
Chandler, Chrls, Phos 413	245	59.3	2832	6.86	15	3.6	172	15	3.6	29	226	77 1
Harbaugh, Jim, Chl	202	56.4	2486	6.94	13	3.6	163	12	3.4	31	167	76.2
Testaverde, Vinny, T.B	206	57.5	2554	7 13	14	3.9	181	16	4.5	35	259	742
Gannon, Rich Minn279	159	57.0	1905	6.83	12	4.3	160	13	4.7	25	177	729
Rypien, Mark, Wash	269	56.2	3282	6.65	13	2.7	162	17	3.5	23	176	71.7
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RECORDS Number: 114, Bob Parsons, Chicago (1981)

Average: 51.4 yards, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940)

Longest: 94 yards, Joe Lintzenich, Chicago (1931)

NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP RET	RET YOS	IN 20	NET AVG
Newsome, Harry, Minn 72	3243	84	45.0	15	1	34	339	19	35.7
Barnhardt Tommy N.O	2947	62	44.0	10	0	31	218	19	37.7
Arnold, wm Det	2846	71	43.8	10	1	30	356	12	34.7
Landela, Sean, Giants	2317	71	43.7	g	2	30	406	13	31 5
Saxon Mike, Dall	2620	58	43.0	9	0	34	397	19	33,5
Gardocki, Chris, Chl	3393	61	42.9	9	Ü	36	351	19	36.2
Camari to Rich. Phoe	2317	73	42 9	2	0	22	141	23	39 6
Feagles, Jelf Phil. 82	3459	68	42.2	7	- 0	36	295	26	36.9
Rodriquez Ruben Dan-Giants 46	1907	55	41.5	4	- 1	23	205	9	34.5
Fulhage, Scott, All	2818	56	41.4	3	- 1	44	482	- 11	33.0
Bracken, Don, Rams	3122	59	41.1	4	0	48	522	20	33.2
Stryzinski Dan, T.B	3015	57	40.7	11	0	22	117	15	36.2
Goodburn, Kelly, Wash,	2555	66	39.9	5	- 1	27	332	17	32.7
Wilmsmeyer Klaus, S.F	1918	58	39,1	2	Ð	23	177	19	34.7
NON-QUALIFIERS							457		00.0
McJulien, Paul, G.B	1386	67	38.5	4	2	10	157	8	30.2
Prokop. Joe, Mra-Giants	1184	56	37.0	0	- 0	22	258	2	28.9
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	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Philadelphia	516	2388	4.6	38	19
San Francisco	482	2311	48	43	22
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N r Giants	458	2077	45	163	20
Minnesota	497	2030	4.1	51	19
Chicago	427	1871	44	149	15
Washington	483	1727	3.6	33	10
Татра Вау 🖫 🔐 🔐 👢	438	1706	39	25	12
L.A. Rams	393	1659	42	71	12
Detroit	378	1644	4.3	t55	9
New Orleans	454	1628	3.5	25	10
Green Bay	420	1555	37	44	7
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l	Smith Emmitt Dan	373	1713		468	18
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	Hampion, Rodney Grants .	257	1141			14
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	Lee Amp S.F	84	363		27	
	Sn: h Tony, Ab	91	362	40	43	
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	Thompson Darreil, G.B.	76	254	5.3		1 2
	Balley Johnny Phoe	52	233		33 15	Ť
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	Lang David Rams	33	203		71	5
	Favre Breit G.B	47	198	4.2	19	1
	Testaverde Vinny, FB.	36	197	5.5	18	2
	Anderson Gary TB	55	194	3.5	18	1
	Brown, Ivory Lee, Phoe	68	194	2.9	13	2
	Garino, Rich Minn	45	187	42	14	ō
	Byars Keith Philip	41	176	43	23	1
	Alchaids Curvin Dati	49	176	36	15	1
	Hostetler, Jelf, Grants		172	49	27	3
	Meggett Dave, Grants	32	167	5.2	30	0
	Sydney Harry G.B	51	63		19	2
	Henderson, Keith S.F -Minn	44	150	3.4	12	1
	Chandler Chris, Phae	36	149	4.1	18	1
	Centers, Larry, Phoe	37	139	3.8	28	0
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	Green, Mark, Chi.	23	107	4,7	18	2
	Aikman, Troy, Dali.	37	105	2,8	19	1
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	Moler Chr.s. Alt	23	89	3.9	16	0
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	Peete Rodney Det	21	83	4.0	12	0
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	Mitche Brian Wash	6	70	11.7	33	0
	Morgan, Anthony Chr	3	68	22.7	35	0
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Receptions: 108, Sterling Sharpe, Green Bay (1992) Yards: 1,570, Jerry Rice, San Francisco (1986) TDs: 22 Jerry Rice, San Francisco (1987)

3 or more receptions NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TE
Sharpe, Slerling, G.B	1461	13.5	176	13
Rison Andre All 93	1119	12.0	171	11
Rice, Jerry S.F	1201	14.3	180	10
Irvin, Michael, Dall	1396	179	197	7
Prilchard, M ke, All 77	827	10.7	138	5
Perr man, Brelt Det	810	11.7	140	4
Martin Enc. N.O. 4 september 68	1041	15.3	152	5
Novacek, Jay, Dall	630	9.3	34	6
Barnett, Fred, Phil	1083	16.2	173	6
Clark, Gary Wash	912	14.3	47	5
Dawsey, Lawrence, T.B	776	12.9	41	1
Proehl, Ricky Phoe 60	744	12.4	153	3
Hi Drew Att	623	10.4	43	3
Smith, Emmitt, Dall59	335	5.7	126	1
Hol, Randay, Phoe	861	14.8	49	3
Carrier, Mark, T.B	692	12.4	40	-4
Byars, Keith, Phil	502	9.0	45	2
Harris, Jackie G.B.,	595	10.8	40	5
Day s. Wendel Chi	734	13.6	40	2
Carter Cos Munn	681	128	- 44	6
Gary Cleveland, Rams	293	5.6	22	3
Moore, Herman Det	966	18,9	177	4
Sanders, Ricky Wash,51	707	13.9	162	3
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	Centers, Larry, Phae	50	417	83	26	2
	McCalfrey Ed, Giants	49	610		44	
	Allen, Terry Minn,	49	478	9.8		
	Sydney, Harry, G B	49	384	7.8	20	
	Haynes, Michael, All	48	808	16.8	189	10
	Hit lard, Dalton N.O.	48	465	9.7	41	4
	Ellard, Henry, Rams	47	727	15.5	133	3
	Workman, Vince, G.B	47	290	6.2	21	
	Waddle, Tom, Chr	46	674		168	
	Monk, Art, Wash	46	644		49	
	Jones, Brant, S.F	45	628		43	
	Railman, Tom, S.F.	44	343		27	
	Watters, Ricky S.F	43	405	94		5
	Writams, Calvin, Phil	42	598		149	
	Anderson, Neal, Chr.	42	399		130	
	Carter Anthony Minn.	41	580			
	Hak Ron TB.	39	351		32	
	Byner Earnest, Wash Anderson Willie, Rams	39 38	338	8.	29	
	Sharrard, Mike S.F	38	657 607	173	51	
	Jones, Ernie, Phoe	38	559	14 7	56 72	
	Walker Herschel Phy	38	278	73		2
	Meggett Dave Grants	38	229	6.0	24	
	Harper, Alvin, Dan	35	562	16	52	
	Muster, Brad, Chr.	34	389	11.4	144	
	Price, Jim. Rams	34	324		25	
	Anderson Gary TB	34	284	8.4	34	
	Green, Will e Det	33	586	17.8	73	
	Bailey Johnny Phoe	33	531	0.0	34	
	Martin, Ke vin. Dan	32	359	1.2		
	Ervins, Ricky Wash	32	252	7.9	27 19	0
	Johnston, Dary Dall	32	244	7 B	18	2
	Early Quinn. N.O	30	566	89	159	
	Chadwick, Jeff, Rams	29	362	125	127	3
	Sanders Barry Del	29	225	7.8	48	1
	Jordan, Steve, Minn	28	304	14 1	60	2
	Hamplon, Rodney Giants	28	215	7	31	
	Ingram, Mark, <i>Grants</i>	27	4CB	E 1	34	
	Cross, Howard, Giants	27	357	132	29	2
	Calloway Chris, Grants	27	335	12.4	28	
	McDowell Arthony 78	27	258	9.6	15	2
	Taylor John, S.F.	25	428	7.1	154	
	Smáli, Torrance, Ar O Jennings, Keith   Chr	23	278	12.1	33	
	Orr Terry Wash	22	254 356		23	
	Jones, Hassan Minn	22	308	4 n	58	3
	Craig, Roger Minn	55	64	7.5	43	0
	Johnson, Joe Minn	21	211	1 4	37	1
	Cobb. Reggie, T.B.	21	56	7.4	27	Ô
	Hawkins, Courtney T.B.	20	336	16.8	49	
	Carler Pat. Rams	20	232	1 6	25	3
- (	Lee, Amp S.F	20	102	51	7	2
	Heyward, Craig N O	19	159	8.4	21	
	Carrol Wesley NO	18	292	16.2	172	2
-	Lang, David Rams	81	283	15.7	167	Ť
	Dox, Aaron <i>Rams</i>	8	261	115	26	D
	Sherman Heath Phil	8	219	12 2	175	1
	lewis Darren. Chi	b	175	97	30	0
	Delpino Robert Rams	18	139	7.7	12	1
	Baker Stephen, Giants	17	333	19 4	46	2
	Beach Sanjay, G B	17	122	7.2	20	1
	Prewiey Willie TB	5	23.	14.8	35	2
	ari Mike Det	15	135	7.7	14	0
	Aorgan Anthony Chi. dwards, Anthony Phoe	14	323	23 1	183	2
		14	147	105	125	1
	ones, Tony, Att ohnson Johnny Phoe	14	103	7.4	24 26	
	ewis, Ronald, G.B	13	152	11.7	27	0
	Skahema, Vai, Phil	13	142	0.9	22	0
	hompson, Darrell, G B	13	129	9.0	4.3	1
	ennett Edgar, G.B.	13	93	2	22	0
	to e Butch. Phoe	13	64	49	2	ŋ
	irenner, Hoby N.D.	2	61	34	23	Ĺ
	rooks: Robert GB	12	26	0.5	18	
	Sentry Dennis Chi	12	114	95	18	0
	ones. Keilh. All	12	94	78	15	0
	roussard. Steve. Att	1.1	96	8 "	24	1
	unch Jarrod, Giants	1	50	4.5	15	1
	urner Odessa, S.F.	9	200	22.2	57	5
	Vaint ght, Frank, N.O.	9	143	.59	29	0
	Malthews, Aubrey Del.	9	137	15.2	24	0
	ennings, Stanford, T.B.	9	69	7.7	20	1
	lunbar Vaughn, N.O lampbell, Jeft Det	9	62	6.9	3	0
	антриви, ден 1/6[	O	155	194	178	
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Green Roy Phill B	105	13.1	21	0
Beach, Pai Phil B	75	9.4	16	2
Armstrong Tyjl. T.B	138	19.7	181	1
Green, Mark Chi	85	12.1	43	Ď
Williams Jamie S.F 7	76	10.9	21	1
Brown, Ivory use, Phoe	54	7.7	18	ò
Middleton Ron Wash	50	71	16	ă
Read, Jake, Minn	142	23.7	51	ă
McGee, Burord, G.B.	60	10.0	15	o.
Harry Emile, K.C -Rams	58	9.7	18	Ö
Thomas, George All	54	9.0	18	n
Johnson, Jimmy, Del	34	5.7	9	0
Reeves, Walter Phoe 6	28	4.7	12	0
Tice. Mike, Minn	65	13.0		1
Henderson Keith S.FMinn. 5			134	
	64	12.8	23	ũ
Wright Eric, Chi	56	11.2	24	0
Blackwell Kelly Chi	54	10.8	18	0
Turner Floyd A.O 5	43	8.6	18	0
Turner Vernon, Rams	42	8.4	16	D
Highsmith Alonzo, T.B	28	5.6	- 11	0
Thompson, Anthony Rams 5	11	22	7	0
McNea Travis, Rams. 4	79	19.6	38	Ď
Barrett Reggie. Del 4	B7	16.6	24	1
Novosetsky Brent Minn 4 Morr s. Ron Chr 4	53	15.8	34	0
Morris, Ron Chi	44	110	26	0
Brown, Derek Giants 4	31	7.8	9	0
West Ed. G.B	30	7.5	10	0
Phr. ps. Jason Att 4	26	6.5	- 8	1
Warren Don Wash 4	25	6.3	-11	0
Stowers, Tammie NO . 4	23	5.8	8	Ď.
Sanders Deion Alt	45	15.0	137	1
Smith Joey Giants	45	15.0	22	0
Dixon Floyd Phil , 3	36	12.0	19	0
Roberts, Aifredo. Dall	36	120	18	0
Milchell Brian, Wash	30	10.0	17	Ü
Hinnant, Mike Det 3	28	9.3	13	0
Milling James, Att	25	8.3	15	Ď
Newman Pat NO 3	21	7.0	8	Ď
Howard Desmond, Wash 3	20	6.7	8	0
Agee, Tommie, Dall	18	6.0	8	ā
Blount Eric. Phoe 3	18	6.0	18	ä
Richards, Curvin, Dail , 3	В	2.7	-6	ŏ
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# HITTINGS THEY

# RECORDS

Number 14, Dick Lane, Los Angeles (1952) Yards 301, Don Doll, Detroit (1949)
Longest return: 102 yards,
Bob Smith, Detroit (1949)
Erich Barnes, New York (1961)
TOs: 3, Dick Lynch, New York (1963)

- 3. Herb Adderlay, Green Bay (1965)
  3. Herb Adderlay, Green Bay (1965)
  3. Monte Jackson, Los Angeles (1976)
  3. Rond Perry, Los Angeles (1976)
  3. Ronale Lott, San Francisco (1981)
  3. Wayne Haddix, Tampa Bay (1990)
  3. Robert Massey, Phoenix (1992)

2 or more		YAROS	-	LONG	*
McMioran Audray Minn		157			
Woo ford, Donnes, Chr		- 67			
Edwards, Brad, Wash		157			
Cook, Toi. N.O .		90		148	
Massey Robert Phoe		147	29 4	146	3
Scott Todd Minn		79	15.8	t35	-1
Grenn Vencie, Minn.	- 5	55	13 0	39	- []
Griffin, Don S.F	- 5	4	0.8	- 2	-0
Joyner Seth Phil	-4	88	22.0	143	- 2
Evans, Byron Phil	.4	76	19.0	43	Ö
Jackson Greg, Granis	4	71	17.8	36	-0
White, William Der	-4	54	13.5	28	0
Ceci Chuck GB	.4	52	13.0	29	Ü
Crockell Ray Det	4	50			-0
Alten Enc. Phil	4	49	12.3	36	0
Heniey Darryl, Rams	4	41	10.3	25	Ü
Scott Kevin Del	4	35	8.8	26	0
Jenkins Me Det	4	34	8.5	14	0
Newman Anthony Rams	4	33	8.3	17	0
Sanders, Deion Att	3	105	35.0	55	0
yght Todd. Rams,			26.7		0
Bavey Robert Rams	3			-0.4	1
Mayhew Marlin, Wash	3			-	ō
Biades, Bennie Del	3		18.7		ő
and the same of th	-	10764	101.0	73-4	- 0

Davis Eric, S,F	5	3 52	17.3	37	0
Gouveia Kurt Wash.	2		14.3	28	0
Johnson A.J. Wash.	. 3		12.7	29	0
Zordich, Mike Phoe					
2010icii, lynke Pride	. 3		12.3	23	0
	3		11.0	133	-1
Washington, James, Datt			10.3	16	Q
Ho and Johnny G.B			90	22	Ω
Fullington, Darrer, T.B	. 8	3 25	8.3	16	0
We lams. Aeneas. Phoe	. 3	3 25	8.3	23	- 0
Parker Anthony Minn	3	3 23	7.7	23	Ø
Booty John, Phil.	. 3	22	7.3	22	d
Gant, Kenneth Dall.	. 3		6.3	- 11	ñ
Hopking Was Phil	3		2.0	- 4	ō
Carter Marty 7 B.			0.3	1	ő
Alk ns. Gene N.O.			0.0	á	0
Mack, Mullon, T.B.				_	_
Patient Donnt 7.0	- 0	0	0.0	Ď	0
Pollard Darryl, T.B	. 2		49.5	75	0
Del Rio Jack Minn.			46.0	184	1
Thomas Broderick T.B	2		40.5	156	-1
Jones Reggie. N. O	- 2	71	35.5	171	-1
Clark Vinnie G.B		70	35.0	43	-0
Thompson Reyna, Giants	2	69	34.5	169	-1
Buck, Vince. N.O	- 2	51	25.5	134	1
White Leon, Rams	. 2	49	24.5	40	0
Stinson, Lemuer Chr	. 5		23.0	46	ō
Johnson, Pepper Giants			21.0	38	Ď
Milcheli Roland 68	. 2		20.0	35	Ď
Gayle Shaun, Chi	. 2		19.5	30	Ď
McDonald Tim Phoe	- 6				-
Hed Dane C.S.			17.5	20	0
	. 2		17.0	34	0
Everett, Thomas, Dalt	- 2		14.0	17	-0
Davis, Dexler Phoe	- 2	_	13.5	27	0
while. Sheldon, Det	. 2		13.0	20	0
King, Joe 7 B	- 2	24	12.0	24	0
Lee Carl, Minn	- 2	20	10.0	20	0
Marshall, Wilber Wash	. 2	20	10.0	120	1
Taylor Keith. A.D	2	20	10.0	20	0
Mays, Alvoid Wash.			9.0	13	Ö
Pickens, Bruce, All,			8.0	16	ŏ
Horton, Ray, Datt.	. 2		7.5	t15	1
Maxie, Breil A O	2		6.0	В	ò
Hoit, ssiac Dall					
			5.5	В	0
M- Ier Corey Giants	2		50	10	0
Smith Kevin, Dali	2		5.0	- 7	0
Hanks, Merton, S.F.	- 2		2.5	- 4	Q
Thomas, William, Phr.	2		2.0	- 4	0
Wiciams, Jimmy TB	- 2		2.0	3	0
Case, Scott All	- 2	0	0.0	0	0
Reynolds, Ricky TB	2	0	0.0	Ö	Ö
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# PRINT ACTORDS

Number: 70, Danny Reece, Tampa Bay 1979) Yards: 646, Eddle Brown, Washington (1976) Longest for TD: 98 yards, Gill Lefebyre, Cincinnati (1933)

Charlie West, Minnesola (1968) Dennis Morgan, Dallas (1974)

	NÓ	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
	20	- 8	263	13.2	65	Ğ
Martin Kelvin Dalt	42	18	532	127	179	2
Sikahema, Va., Phil	40	10	503	12.6	167	-1
Parker Anthony Minn	33	17	336	10.2	42	0
Buckley Terre G.B	21	- 5	211	10.0	158	1
Mitchen Brian, Wash	29	9	271	9.3	184	-1
Meggett, Dave, Grants	27	11	240	8.9	39	0
Grant, Alan, S.F.	29	10	249	8.6		0
Turner Vernon, Rams	28	- 6	207	7.4		Ö
	23	10				ō
NON-QUALIFIERS (2 or o	nose)					
Gray Mel Del	18	9	175	9.7	158	1
Smith, Tony Alt	16	4	155	9.7	45	Ö
Blount, Enc. Phoe			101	7.8	16	Ô
Hawkins Courtney TB	13	-8	53	4.1		Ö
Sanders Deion, All	13	9	41	3.2	14	Ö
Woo ford, Donnet Cht	12	3	127	10.6	36	p
Dowdell Marcus, N.O	12	6	37	3.1		ō
Brooks, Robert, G 8	11	1	102	9.3		Ö
Waddle, Tom, Chr	.8.	10		3.5		ō
Drewrey Wine TB		6	62	8.9		Ö
Sydner well Phil		5	52	7.4	17	П

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HDWStd [Josephone With	6	3	84	14.0	155	1
Grin Don SF	6	2	69	11.5	29	0
Anderson, Gary, T.B	.6	1	45	7.5	13	0
Harry, Emile, Rams	.6	4	34	5.7	-11	G
Lipps, Louis. N.O.	.5	1	22	4.4	16	0
Kinchen, Todd. Rams	.4	1	103	25.8	161	2
Lewis, Ronald. S.F	4	-0	23	5.8	9	0
Morgan, Anthony Chr	.3	1	21	7.0	13	-0
Campbell, Jelf Det	3	-0	15	5.0	9	-0
Turner Floyd, N.O	.3	0	10	3.3	- 5	0
Buck Vince, N.O	2	4	- 4	2.0	3	0

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## RECORDS

Numbers: 60, Drew Hill, Los Angeles (1981) Yards: 1,345, Buster Rhymes, Minnesota (1985) Longest: 106 yards,

Ai Carmichael, Green Bay (1956) Roy Green, St. Louis (1979)

TOs: 4, Travis Williams, 6 4, Cecil Turner, Chica	rean	Bay (1)	967)		
	NO	YAROS	AVG	LONG	TD
Sanders, Deion All.	40	1067	26.7	199	- 2
Bailey Johnny Phoe	28	690	24.6	63	0
Grau Mei Det	142	1006	24.0	199	- 1

NO		ROS	AVG	LONG	TD
Sanders, Deion All		367	26.7	199	2
Bailey Johnny Phoe	. [	590	24.6	63	0
Gray Mei, Det	1 1	306	24.0	(89	1
Meggett, Dave, Giants	1 4	155	228	192	1
Lewis, Darren, Chr		511	22.2	197	1
Logan Marc, S.F		178	217	82	0
Nelson Darrin Mino 29		626	21.5	53	0
Mitches Brian Wash		492	21.4	47	0
Howard Desmond Wash 22		462	21.0	42	Ŏ
Martin, Kelvin, Dall		503	210	59	Ď
		691	20.9	50	0
Harris, Corey, Hou -G B		528	20.3	41	Ü.
Turner Vernon, Rams		569	19.6	35	Ö
			19.4	39	ŏ
Anderson, Gary T.B		564			-
Smith Joey Giants	,	564	18.8	35	0
NON-QUALIFIERS 2 or more!					
McAfee Fred. M.O. J. Landson 19		393	20.7	38	0
Brooks, Robert, G.A		338	18.6	30	0
Sydner Jeff, Phil		368	216	45	0
Gentry Dennis, Chr		330	20.6	- 66	0
Jee. Amp, S.F		276	197	33	0
ang David, Rams 13		226	17.5	26	0
Bloud Fec Phoe 11		251	228	52	ä
Blount Enc Phoe		224	20.4	29	ō
Dunbar Vaughn. N.O.		187	18.7	27	ő
Pegram, Ernc, Att.		161	17.9	42	ő
Hawkins, Courtney, T.B.	,	118	13.1	18	Ð
Edwards, Anthony, Phoe	,	143	17.9	24	ő
Smith, Tony, All	j i	172	24.6	60	Ď
SMIRE TORY, AR. Marian Symmetrics (				48	0
Hilliard, Daiton, N.O		130	18.6		
Stradford, Troy Rams-Del		94	13.4	21	0
Jones Kerth All		114	19.0	29	0
Delpino, Robert Barris	2	83	13.8	18	0
Henderson, Keith, Minn	5	111	22.2	29	0
Bennett, Edgar, G.B 5		104	20.8	33	0
Johnson, Joe. Minn	i .	79	15.8	25	0
Morgan, Anthony Chi		71	17.8	30	-0
Kinchen Todd Rams	ļ.	63	15.8	19	-0
Campbell, Jeff Det		61	15.3	21	0
Perriman, Breit, Det.		59	148	22	Ð
Thompson, Anthony Rams		34	8.5	14	-0
Thomas, George, T.B	3	72	24.0	37	0
Grant Alan S.F	1	70	23.3	47	Ū
Holmes, Clayfon, Dall	1	70	23.3	28	ū
Holmes, Glayton, Dall	i	69	23.0	34	0
Newman Pat NO	1	62	20.7	29	0
Newman Pat, NO Brooks, James T.B	1	49	16.3	24	0
Jurkovic, John, G.B.	í	39	13.0	14	Ö
Scalt Kevan Det		5	1.7	3	ō
Carter Dexter S.F	5	55	27.5	32	ō
Parker, Anthony Minn.	9	30	15.0	15	ō
Calloway Chris, Grants	9	29	14.5	17	ū
Busch Inward Comple	1	27	13.5	- 17	Ö
Bunch Jarrod, Grants West, Ronnie Minn.	2				a
these to the	E h	27 24	13.5	27 13	0
Ryan Tim. T.B.	2				_
Sparks. Phi lipi Giants	2	23	11.5		0
Mayfield, Corey TB Smith, Lance, Phoe.	6	22	11.0		0
Smith. Lance, Phoe	2	16	8.0		0
Stephen, Scott, Rams	6	12	6.0	7	Ð

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Points: 155, Gino Cappellett, Boston (1964)
Touchdowns: 23, O J. Simpson, Buffalo (1975)
Field Goals: 34, Jim Turner, New York (1968)
34, Nick Lowery, Kansas City (1990)
Extra points: 66, Uwe von Schamann, Miami (1984)

TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	ХÞ	XPA	F6	FGA	SAF	POINTS
Buffato 44	18	23	3	43	44	24	30	1	381
Hauston 41	10	27	4	41	41	21	27	1	352
Kansas City . 40	14	15	11	39	40	23	25	0	348
Miami 36	9	24	3	34	36	30	37	ä	340
San Diego	1B	16	2	35	36	26	32	3	335
Pittsburgh 31	13	15	3	29	31	28	36	Ū	299
Cincinnate 31	11	16	4	31	31	19	28	ű	274
Creveland30	7	18	5	29	30	21	29	0	272
Denver 29	11	16	2	28	29	20	25	Ď	262
L.A. Raiders	7	20	2	28	29	15	26	1	249
N.Y Jets23	8	12	3	23	23	19	30	i	220
Indianapolis 24	8	13	3	24	24	15	29	0	216
New England	6	13	6	22	25	11	17	0	205
Seattle 14	4	9	1	14	14	14	22	0	140

Alien, Marcus, Raiders	3	2	1	0	18
Banks, Fred, Mia	3	0	3	0	18
Beil, Nick, Raiders	3	3	0	0	18
Bieniemy, Eric, S.D	3	3	0	0	18
Birden J.L., K.C	3	0	3	0	18
Carter, Daie, K.C	3	-0	0	3	18
Cash, Kerry Ind.	3	Ð	3	0	18
Clayton, Mark, Mia	3	0	3	0	18
Coates, Ben, N.F	3	0	3	0	18
Cooper, Adrian, Pit		0	3.	Ò	18
Davis, Willie, K.C.	3	0	3	Ô	18
Dickerson, Eric, Raiders	3	2	1	0	18
Johnson, Anthony, Ind.	3	Q.	3	0	18
Kane, Tommy, Sea		0	3	0	18
McGee, Tim, Cin		0	3	0	18
M. s. Ernie, Pil	3	0	3	0	18
Mincy, Charles, K.G	3	G	0	3	18
Query Jeff, Cm.		0	3	0	16
Reed, Andre. Bul	3	0	3	0	16
Stone. Dwight Pit	3	Û	3	0	18
Warren, Chris. Sea.	3	3	0	0	1B
W. ams John L Sea	3	1	2	0	18
Bavaro, Mark Cle	2	0	2	0	12
Beebe, Don Buf	2	0	2	0	12
Brandon David, Cle	2	0	0	2	12

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Culver, Rodney Ind	- 7	2	0	54
Jelfires, Haywood, Hou,	0	9	0	54
Feriner, Derrick, Cin	7	- 1	0	48
Jackson Mark, Den	0	8	0	48
Miller, Anthony, S.D 8	0	- 7	- 1	48
White, Lorenzo, Hou. 8	7	- 1	0	48
Brown Tim, Raiders	- 0	7	-0	42
Duper Mark, Mia. 7		7	0	42
Higgs, Mark Mia. 7	7	0	0	42
Jackson, Michael, Cle	0	- 7	0	42
Melcail Eric. Cle 7	1	5	1	42
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Davis, Kenneth, But, 6	6	- 0	0	36
Lofton, James, Buf 6	0	-6	0	36
Mack, Kevin, Cle6	6	0	0	36
Metzeraars, Pete. Bul 6	-0	- 6	D-	36
Okoye, Christian, K.C. 6	6	0	Ð	36
Jackson, Keith Mia 5	0	5	0	30
Ball, Eric, Cin 4	2	2	0	24
Barnetl, Tim, K.C. 4	0	4	0	24



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Lewis, Nate, S.D.		4	0	4	-0	24	
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	Frerotte, Mitch, Buf	2	0	2	0	12	
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Jones, Henry, Bul.	2	0	0	2	12	Touchdowns: 48, Dan Marino, Mlami (1984)	
Jorden, 7 m PII	2	0	2	0	12	Yards: 5,084, Dan Marino. Miami (1984)	
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	. 1	0	0	1	6	Hollas, Donald Cin	
Blades, Brian, Sea.	1	0	1	0	6	Kosar, Bernie, C/e	
Brennan, Brian, Cin.	1	0	1	0	6	Herrmann Mark, Ind	
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Russer , Leonard N.E	3	390	3.2	23	2
arde , Tommy Cie	9	369	3.7	35	á
let , Nick, Raiders	ľ	366	4.5	166	ä
Villiams, John 🛶 Sea 📖 🕕	4	339	3.0	14	1
Julver Rodney Ind		321	2.7	136	7
tien. Marcus, Raiders 6	7	301	4.5	21	2
Metca I, Eric, Cle	3	301	4.1	31	1
livers, Reggie. Den	5	282	3.8	48	3
Rephens, John, N.E	g	277 268	3.7	19	2
lenremy Eric, S.D		264	3.7	22 21	3
Alliams, Harvey K.C		262	3.4	11	1
loard Leroy, Cle. 5		236	4.4	37	0
armon, Ronnie, S.O		235	4.3	33	3
halley Pal, Jels 27	7	186	6.9	32	1
IcNeil, Freeman, Jets		170	4.0	18	ė
ardner Carwell, But	0	166	4.2	19	2
ockwood, Scotl, N.E		162	4.6	23	0
chroeder Jay, Raiders 28		160	5.7	19	0
hompson, Leroy Pit		157	4.5	25	1
loge Merrit Pit		160	3.7	15	0
foor Warren, Hou		147	5.4	23	1
lark, Ken, <i>Ind.</i> 46 mith, Steve, <i>Raiders</i> 44		134	3.4	13	0
k Nair Todd, K.C. 21		129	2.9 5.9	15 30	0
lone, Dwighl, Pil		118	9.8	30	ď
oilas Donaid, Cin		109	5.5	24	Ď
lelen, Hugh, N.E		108	6.4	26	Ď
Way John, Den 34	1	94	2.B	9	2
m th Sammie. Den	3	94	4.1	15	ō
rown, Gary Hou, 19	3	87	4.6	26	1
rans Vince, Raiders 11		79	7.2	16	0
elbaugh, Stan Sea,		79	4.9	22	0
umphries. Stan S.D		79	2.8	25	4
arison Cody Hou		77	2.9	13	1
rvins, Earnest Hou		75 74	10.7	44	0
hayes Rueben, Sea		74	2.0	17 14	0
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Esiason Boomer, Gin	60	3.1	15	u
Marino, Dan, Mia	66	3.3	12	0
Marino, Dan, Mia 20 Reed, Andre, Bul	65	8.1	24	û
Nagle, Browning, Jets 24	57	2.4	20	0
Marshall, Adhur, Den. 13	56	5.1	16	Ö
Marshall, Arthur, Den. 11 Bal Eric, Cin. 16	55	3.4	17	2
Kelly Jim, But	53		10	
Rony offit, partie and a sample of the care		17	-	-1
Klingler, David, Gin 11	53	4.8	12	-0
Klingler, David, Cin	42	1.8	9	Ð
Turner Kevin, N.E	40	40	- 11	0
Turner Kevin, N.E	39	6.5	15	0
Moore, Shawn, Den	39	4.9	11	ō
Tomczak, Mike Cle. 24	39	1.6	16	G
Parmalas Carries Life				
Parmatee Bernie, Mia 6 Stouffer Kelly Sea. 9	38	6.3	20	Ø
Stoutier Kerly Sea	37	41	11	0
Carlson, Jeff N.E	32	29	- 7	0
Baldwin, Handy Cite	31	3.1	11	D
Mannayich Todd Review 0	30	3.3	-11	- 0
Graham, Scottie. Jets	29	2,1	6	ō
Harry, Emile, K.C.	27	27.0	27	ā
George Jeff Ind	26	1.9		Ť
Jefones Tees Des			13	
Johnson Tracy Sea	26	8.7	19	G
Mathis Terance Jels	25	8.3	¥10	1
M les, Ostel Giff.	22	2.8	9	0
Jackson, Michael Cle	21	21.0	21	0
Moore, Rob. Jels	21	210	21	-0
Maddox Tommy Dec 0	20	2.2	11	0
Maddox, Tommy Den. 9 Mil s, Em e. Plt. 1	20	20.0	20	0
Pleasables affabration of any				
Staughter Webster Hou	20	6.7	10	Ó
Br ster Bubby, Pil 10	16	1.6	-8	0
Tillman, Lawyer, Cle 2	15	7.5	15	0
Brooks, Bi J. Ind 2	14	7.0	8	0
McGuire Dan Son 0	13	43	11	0
Kosar Bernie, Cle. 5 Hodson, Tom. N.E. 5 Mohr, Chris, But. 1 Paigs Tony Mra. 7	12	2.4	В	0
Hodson, Tom. N.E	- 11	22	5	Ď
Mohr Chris But	11	11.0	11	Õ
Pains Tony Mis	- 11	1.6	6	i
County Dorost Courter			_	
Gainer, Derrick, Raiders	10	5.0	6	0
Mitchell, Scott, Mia	10	1.3	8	a
Carriery Sheidon, Jels 4 Carthon, Maurice, Ind. 4	9	2,3	4	C
Carthon, Maurice, Ind	9	2.3	5	0
Craver Aaron, Mra. 3 Tasker, Sleve, Buf. 1 Tupa Tom, Ind. 3 Edwards, Al, Buf. 1	9	3.0	8	0
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Tuna Tom ind 9	g	3.0	10	0
Educarde Al Ruf	8	8.0		ŭ
Marin Langued Line			8	
Harris, Leonard Hou.	8	8.0	8	0
0 Brien, Ken, Jets	В	10	7	0
Gash, Sam, A.F	7	1.4	- 4	1
Johnson, Reggie Den	7	3.5	В	Ď
Lewis Nate. S.D. L 2	7	3.5	4	Ð
Saxon, James, Mia	7	1.8	4	ō
Thomas, Doug, Sea	7	2.3	8	ū
Fryar, rving N.E.	6	5.0	8	ă
Gau t Willie, Raiders				
Gault Willie, Raiders	6	6.0	6	0
Trudeau Jack, Ind 13	6	0.5	5	0
Blades Brian, Sea. 1. 1. O Donnell, Nell, Pil. 27	5	5.0	-5	0
O Donnell, Neil, Plt	5	0.2	9	1
McMurtry Greg, N.E	3	1.5	2	0
Carpenter Rols Jole 1	2	2.0	2	Õ
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24 67 2.8 Receptions: 101. Charlie Hennigan, Housetn (1964) Yards: 1,746, Charlie Hennigan, Houston (1961) TDs: 18, Mark Clayton, Miaml (1984)

3 or more receptions	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	то
Jeffires, Haywood Hou.	90	913	10.1	47	9
Duncan Curtis, Hou	62	954	116	72	-1
Harmon, Ronnie, S.D	79	914	116	55	1
Williams, John L. Sea	74	556	7.5	27	2
Miller Anthony, S.D.	72	1060	147	167	- 7
Givins, Earnest Hotel January	67	787	117	41	10
Reed, Andre, Bul	65	913	14.0	51	3
Langhorne, Reggie Ind.	65	811	125	34	1
Thomas Thurman, But. purpose	58	626	10.B	43	3
Burkelt Chris, Jets	57	724	12.7	137	1
White, Lorenzo, Hau	57	641	112	169	1

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IN VENDUS		0			
Fryar, Irving, N.E	55	791	14.4	154	4
Humphrey, Bobby Mia	54	507	94	26	1
Sharpe, Shannon, Den.	53	640	12 1	55	2
Hester, Jessie, Ind	52	792	15.2	81	1
Cook, Marv, N.E.	52 51	413 786	79 154	27 50	6
Lolton, James, Bul Moore, Rob. Jets	50	726	145	148	4
G aham Jefi, Pit.	49	711	14,5	51	1
Brown, Tim Raiders	49	693	14.1	168	7
Johnson, Anthony Ind	49	517	106	157	3
Jackson Mark, Den.	48	745	15.5	151	8
Jackson Keith, Mia	48	594	12.4	42	5
Parge, Tony, Mia.	48 47	399 755	8.3 16.1	30 t69	7
Metcalf, Eric, Cle.	47	614	13.1	169	5
Rivers, Reggie, Den	45	449	10.0	37	1
Duper Mark, Mra.	44	762	17.3	t62	7
Brooks, Bill, Ind.	44	468	106	26	1
McNair Todd, K.C.	44	380	8.6	36	1
Ciaylon, Mark Mia.	43	619	144	144	3
Cash, Kerry, Ind	43 42	521 644	12 1 15 3	41 172	3
Birden J.J. K.C. Green, Harold, Cin.	41	214	52	19	Ö
Slaughler, Webster Hou	39	486	125	136	4
Davis, Wi e. K.C.	36	756	21.0	174	3
Foster, Barry, Pit	36	344	96	42	0
Harris, Leonard, Hou	35	435	12.4	47	2
McMurtry, Greg, N.E.	35	424	12.1	t65	1
McGee Tim. Cin	35	408	11.7	36 62	3
Lewis, Nate S.D Stone, Dwight Pil	34	580 501	14.7	49	3
Wa ker Derrick, S.D	34	393	116	59	5
Beebe, Don, Bul	33	554	16.6	(65	2
Martin, Tony, Mia	33	553	16.6	t55	2
Horton, Ethan, Raiders	33	409	12.4	30	2
Toon, Al, Jets	31	311	10.0	32	2
Mills, Erme, Pit.	30	383	12.8	22	3
Metzelaars, Pete, Buf Jefleison, Shawn, S.D.	30 29	298 377	9.9	153 51	6
Allen, Marcus. Raiders	28	277	9.9	40	1
Hoge, Merril, Pil	. 28	231	8.3	20	1
Smith, Sleve Raiders	28	217	7.8	19	1
Gaul. Wille. Raiders	27	508	18.8	53	4
Kane, Tommy Sea	27	369	13.7	31	3
Marshail, Arthur, Den	26	493 326	19 0	t80 38	1
Pickens, Carl, Gin. Timpson, Michael, N.E.	26 26	315	12.5 12.1	25	1
Hoard, Leroy Cle	26	310	11.9	146	1
Holman, Rodney, Gm.	26	266	102	126	2
Culver Rodney, ind.	26	210	8 1	27	2
Ti man, Lawyer Cle	25	498	199	52	0
Bayaro, Mark, Cie	25	315	126	39	5
Barnett, Tim, K.C.	24	442	18 4	177	4
Johnson, Vance <i>Dan</i> . Banks, Fred, <i>Mia</i> .	22	294 319	123	49 139	3
Mathrs, Terance, Jels	22	316	14.4	155	3
Thompson, Leray, Pit.	22	278	12.6	29	0
Jones, James, Sea	21	190	90	30	0
Stephens, John, N.E.	21	161	7.7	32	0
Clark, Louis, Sea.	20	290	14.5	33	†
Coales, Ben, N.E.	20 20	171 170	8.6	122 24	3
Hojohan, Pete. Cle Biades, Brian, Sea.	19	256	85 135	37	1
Rembert, Reggie, Cin.	19	219	11.5	27	0
Thompson, Craig, Cin	19	194	10.2	32	2
Brennan, Brian, CinS.D.	19	188	9.9	21	1
Boyer, Mark, Jels	19	149	7.8	23	0
Jones, Fred, K.C.	18	265	14.7	56	0
Hargain, Tony, K.C.	17 16	205 265	121	25 183	0
Query, Jeff <i>Ctn</i> Mitchell Johnny <i>Jels</i>	16	210	13.1	137	3
Cooper Adrian, Pil.	16	197	123	27	3
McNei Freeman, Jets	16	154	96	32	(
Higgs, Mark, Mia	16	142	89	21	Ţ
Warren, Chris, Sea	16	134	8.4	33	(
Glover, Andrew. Raiders	15	178	119	30	1
Davis, Kenneth, Bul Green, Eng. Pil	15 14	80 152	5.3 10.9	22 24	2
Green, End, Pit, McKeller Keilh. Bul.	14	110	7.9	26	(
Dickerson, Eric, Raiders	14	85	61	15	1
Carpenter Rob. Jels	13	161	12 4	51	1
Arbuckle, Charles Ind.	13	152	11.7	123	1
Vardeil, Tommy, Cle	13	128	98	23	(
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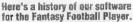


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Vaughn, Jon, N.E.	13	84	6.5	28	0
Mack, Kevin, Cle.	13	81	6.2	23	Ð
Ti Iman, Cedric, Den.	12	211	176	tB1	1
Wright, Alexander, Raiders		175	14.6	141	2
Russeil, Derek, Den	12	140	11.7	22	ō
Cash Keith, K.C.	12	113	9.4	19	2
Bernstine, Rod, S.D.		86	72	16	Ô
Hei er Ron Sea	12	85	71	17	0
Thomas, Robb, Sea.	11	136	124	31	0
Riggs, Jim. Cin.		70	6.4	17	ň
Russel Leonard, N.E.		24	2.2	12	0
Graddy, Sam, Raiders		205	20.5	48	1
		139	13.9		1
Johnson, Reggie, Den	46	91	91	48	1
Green, Gaston, Den.	10			15	
		79	7.9	33	0
Davenport, Charles, Pil	H	136	15.1	31	0
		121	13.4	21	0
Word, Barry K.C.	9	80	8.9	22	0
Hayes, Jonathan, K.C.	N	77	8.6	21	2
Butts, Marion, S.D	9	73	8.1	22	0
Green, Paul, Sea.	J	67	7.4	15	1
Thomas, Doug, Sea.		5.	10.6	19	0
Lamb Brad Bul		139	19.9	53	0
Sardner Carwel Bul		67	9.6	17	0
Chaffey, Pat, Jels	ini E	56	8.0	14	0
Kay Clarence Den.		56	8.0	15	0
Turner Kevin, M.E.		52	7.4	119	2
Thomas, Blair, Jets		49	7.0	10	0
Fenner, Dernok, Cin		41	59	15	1
Ball, Eric, Cin.	6	66	11.0	135	2
Jorden, Tim, Pit	., Б	28	4.7	В	2
Daniels, David, Sea	. 5	99	19.8	57	Q
Anders, Kimbie, K.C.		65	13.0	28	0
Sm th, Rico. C/g,	5	64	12.8	21	0
Breniemy, Eric, S.D.	5	49	9.8	25	0
Crark, Ken, Ind.		46	9.2	17	0
Saxon, James. Mia.		41	8.2	14	0
Williams, Harvey K.C.		24	4.8	12	0
Galbraith, Scott, Cla		63	15.8	28	1
Young, Duane S.D.		45	11.3	14	0
Bel. Nick, Raiders		40	10.0	16	Đ
Awall, Robert, Buf.		34	8.5	10	Ð
Baxter Brad, Jels		32	8,01	12	0
Brown, A.B., Jets		30	7.5	20	Ð
Lewis, Greg, Den	4	30	7.5	16	0
Stanley, Walter N.E.	3	63	21,0	36	0
Clark, Robert, Mia	3	59	19.7	45	0
Williams, Mike, Mia.	. 3	43	14.3	18	G
Didio, Mark, Pit		39	13.0	18	0
Verdin Clarence, Ind.	3	37	12.3	21	0
Slegall, Mill, Cin	3	35	117	13	1
Col. as, Shawa, Cle	., 3	31	10.3	-11	0
Junkin, Trey Sea		25	B.3	13	1
Baty, Greg, Mra	3	19	6.3	12	1
Jones, Mike, Sea. Jones, Victor Den.	3	18	6.0	- 7	0
Jones, Victor Den	3	17	5,7	16	0
Carthon, Maurice, Ind	, З	10	3,3	6	0

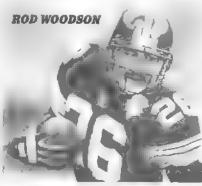
# DOMESTICAL PROPERTY.

Number: 13, Lester Hayes, Oakland (1980)
Yards: 349, Charlie McNeil, San Diego (1961)
Longast return: 103 yards,
Venice Glenn, San Diego (1987)
Louis Oliver, Miami (1992)

TDs: 4, Ken Houston, Houston (1971) 4. Jim Kearney, Kansas City (1972)

	YARDS	AVG	LDNG	7D
Jones, Henry Btd 8	263	32.9	182	- 2
Robinson Eugene, Sea	126	18.0	49	Ð
Carler, Dale, K.C.	65	9.3	136	-1
Kelso Mark, Buf. , 7	21	3.0	13	0
Carrington, Darren S.D 6	152	25.3	69	-1
Brim, Michael Jets	139	23.2	177	-1
Perry Darren, Pit	69	11.5	34	0
Washington, Brian, Jels 6	59	9.8	123	1
Prior, Mike, Ind When the state of B	44	7.3	19	-0
Gray Jerry, Hou	24	4.0	22	0
Oliver Louis, Mia	200	40.0	1103	-1
Johnson David, Pil	67	13.4	35	-0
Odomes, Nale, Bul	19	3.8	10	-0
McDaniel, Terry, Raiders 4	180	45.0	67	0
M ncy, Charles, K.C	128	32.0	39	- 2

Brown, J.B Min	119	29.8	48	-1
Woodson Rod, Prl	90	22.5	57	Ü
Byrd, Gilc S.D	88	22.0	44	Ó
Henderson, Wymon Den 4	79	19.8	146	-1
Will rams, Darryl, Cln	65	16.3	30	0
Frank, Donald, S.D 4	37	9.3	33	0
Thompson, Benn e. K.C	26	6.5	25	0
Smith, Dennis, Den	10	2.5	8	0
Anderson, Eddie. Raiders 3	131	43.7	t102	1
Francis James, Cin	108	36.0	166	1
Griffin Larry Pit	98	32.7	165	1
Harper, Dwayne, Sea 3	74	24.7	41	0
Jackson, Vestee Mia	63	21,0	t30	1
Newsome, Vince, Cls. ,	55	18.3	29	Ð
McDowe + Bubba Hou:	52	17.3	126	1
Henderson, Jerome, M.E., 3	43	14.3	34	0
Dishman, Cos, Hau	34	11.3	17	Ð
Hurst, Maurice, N.E. a.a. a. 3.	29	9.7	27	Q
Beiser Jason Ind	27	9.0	21	0
Richard Stanley S.D	26	8.7	20	0
Walls, Everson, Giants-Cie. 3	26	8.7	24	0
Jackson, Steve Hou	18	60	18	0



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Simien, Tracy K.C	18	6.0	10	0
Fulcher, David Can	0	0.0	0	Ď
Brandon, Day d, Cie	123	61.5	192	1
Goode, Chris, Ind. 2	93	46.5	47	0
Braxton, Tyrone, Den	54	27 0	40	Đ
Pool, David, N.E. Albania	54	27.0	(41	1
Seau, Junior S.D 2	51	25.5	29	0
Vincent, Troy, Mra	47	23.5	32	0
Plummer Gary S.D 2	40	20.0	38	0
Davis, Brian, Saa 2	36	18.0	36	Ü
Wir ams, Jarvis Mia	29	14.5	25	0
Robbins, Randy, N.E. and 2	27	13.5	20	0
Stargell, Tony Ind 2	26	13.0	15	0
Atwater Steve, Den	-72	11.0	22	0
Washington, Lionel. Raiders 2	21	10.5	18	0
Hasty James, Jets 2	18	9.0	18	0
Turner Marcus Jets	15	7.5	14	0
Williams, James, Bul. 2	15	7.5	15	0
upnes, Rod. Cin	14	7.0	14	0
Little, David, Pil	- 6	3.0	В	0
Mann held, Frank, Cle	- 6	3,0	-5	0
Caln, Joseph, Sea	3	1,5	- 3	0
Bizylock Anthony S.D	0	0.0	0	0
Hunter, Patrick, Sea	G.	0.0	0	0

# FIRST BY CURING

Number 52, Fulton Walker, Los Angeles (1985) Yards: 692, Fulton Walker, Los Angeles (1985) Longest for TD: 98 yards, Terance Mathis, New York (1990)

ND	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Woodson Rod, Pit32	13	354	11.4	180	4
Verd'ri. Clarence, Ind 24	12	268	11.2	184	2
Marshall Arthur Den33	16	349	10.6	47	0
Carter, Date, K.C pappage, 38	6	398	10.5	186	- 2
Brown Tim, Raiders37	19	383	10.4	40	0
Hicks, Cliff Bul	6	289	10.0	42	0
Melcail, Enc. Cle 44	10	429	9.8	175	-1
Stanley, Walter N.E 28	17	227	8.1	50	0
Bieniemy Eric. S.D 30	3	229	7.6	21	0
Carpenter, Rob, Jets 28	9	208	7.4	21	0
Warren, Chris, Sea 34	25	252	7.4	16	- 0

Miller, Scott Mia	18	175 142	7.3 7 †	19 20	0
NON-QUALIFIERS (2 or more, Pickens, Carl, Cirl., 18	9	229	12.7	t95	1
Hate. Chris, Bul14	2	175	12.5	27	0
Lewis Nate S.D	5 2	127 47	9.8 5.9	25 14	0
Coleman, Pat, How 7	4	35	5,0	19	Ŏ
Price, Mitchell Cln	2	56 17	9.3 2.8	25 13	0
Vincent, Troy Mia	Ö	16	3.2	6	0
Treggs, Brian Sea	2	31	7.8	13	0
McCallum, Napoleon, Rai. 4 Mathis, Terance, Jets	1	19 24	4,8 12.0	13	0

# INCHOLD CATOLINA

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Numbers: 55, Bruce Harper, New York (1978, 1979)
55, Javid Turner, Cincinnati (1979)
Yards: 1,317, Bobby Jancik, Houston (1963)
Longest: 106 yards,
Notan Smith, Kansas City (1967)

Notan Smith, Kan: TDs: 3, Ray Clayborn, New					
	NO	YAROS	AVG	LONG	TĐ
Vaughn, Jon, N.E	20	564	28.2	1100	1
Baldwin Randy Cle	30	675	22.5	47	0
Montgomery A.lon, Den	21	466	22.2	64	Ö
Verdin, Clarence, Ind.	39	815	20.9		Ď
8a, Enc. Cin.	20	411	20.6	48	Ö
8a. Eric, Cin	21	405	19.3	37	ō
McM Ilan Erik, Jels	22	420	19.1	45	ō
Woodson, Rod. Plt	25	469	18.8	32	0
Warren, Chris. Sea	28	524	18.7	34	0
Stanley, Walter N.E.	29	529	18.2	40	Ü
Mathis, Terance, Jets Stegali, Mi I, Cin.	28	492	17.6	32	0
Stegali, Mi I, Cin	25	430	17,2	39	0
Wright, Alexander Dal Rai,	26	442	17.0	33	0
NON-QUALIFIERS (2 or more,					
Lewis, Nate S.D		402	212	62	0
Will ams M ke, Mia,	19	328	17,3	28	0
	19	311	16.4	29	0
Bieniemy, Eric, S.D	15	257	17.1	30	-0
Coleman, Pat, Hou.	14	290	20.7	28	0
Parmaiee Bern e Mia	14	289	20.6	32	0
McCatlum, Napoleon, Raiders	14	274	19.6	41	0
Davis, Kenneth, Buf	14	251	17.9	35	Q
Edwards, At Buf	12	274	22.8	34	0
Stone, Dwight, Pil.	12	219	18.3	28	Û
Lockwood, Scott, N.E	11	233	21.2	36	0
Lockwood, Scott, N.E. Carter, Daie, K.G.	11	190	17.3	39	0
Tirman, Spencer, Hou.	10	157	15.7	33	0
Metcall, Eric, Cle,	. 9	157	17.4	30	0
Crayer, Aaron. Mia.		174	21.8	44	0
Lewis, Darryli Hou.	. 8	171	21.4	26	0
Fuller Eddie, But	. 8	134	16.8	28	Ð
Marshall, Arthur, Den	8	132	16.5	21	0
M les, Ostel , Cin		128	16.0	27	Q
Ambrose, Ashley, Ind	β	126	15.8	26	0
Russel Derex Den.	7	154	22.0	33	G
Harmon, Ronnie, S.D	. 7	96	13.7	30	G
Lamb, Brad Bul		97	19.4	31	0
Graddy Sam, Raiders		85	17.0	21	0
Green, Gaston, Den	.5	76	15.2	20	0
Robinson Frank, CmDen		89	22.3	26	0
Clark Ken Ind	-3	54	18.0	20	D
Jones, Fred, K.C	.3	51	17.0	23	0
Thompson, Leroy Pit	.2	51	25.5	33	0
Johnson Reggre Den		47	23.5	34	0
Thigoen, Yancey, Pil.		44	22.0	29	0
Fenner Derrick, Gin		38	19.0	19	0
Hoard Leroy Cle.	ž.	34	17.0	25	0
Smith, Sammie, Den.	2	31	15.5	21	0
Paige, Tony, Mia	Z	29	14.5	19	0
Hoge, Merric Pit.	2	28	14.0	17	0
Timpson, Michael, N.E.	- 2	28	14.0	28	0
Land, Dan, Raiders	2	27	13.5	14	0
McNair Todd, K.C. Price, Mitcheil, Cln. Brown, Tim, Raiders	2	20	10,0	14	0
Proug Tim Payther	9	20	1,0.0	13	0
Produces Class C.D.	2	14	7.0	14	0
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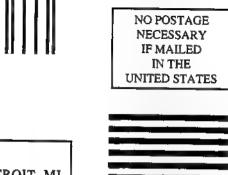
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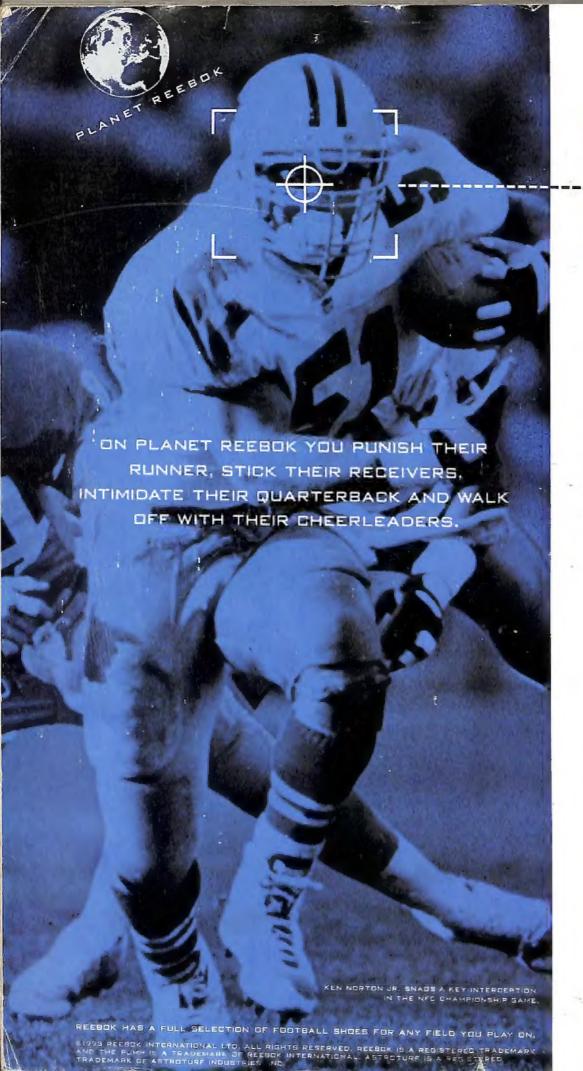
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